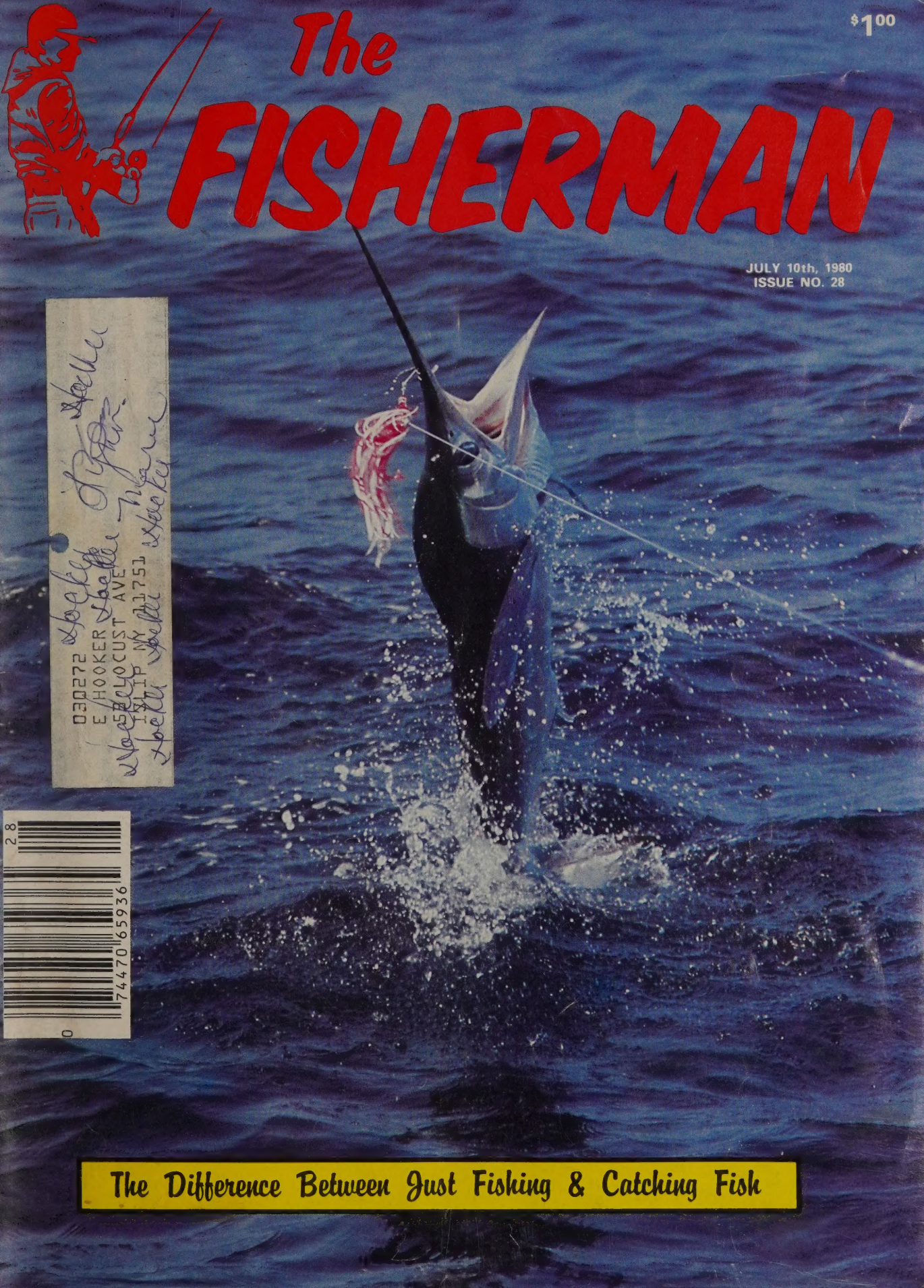
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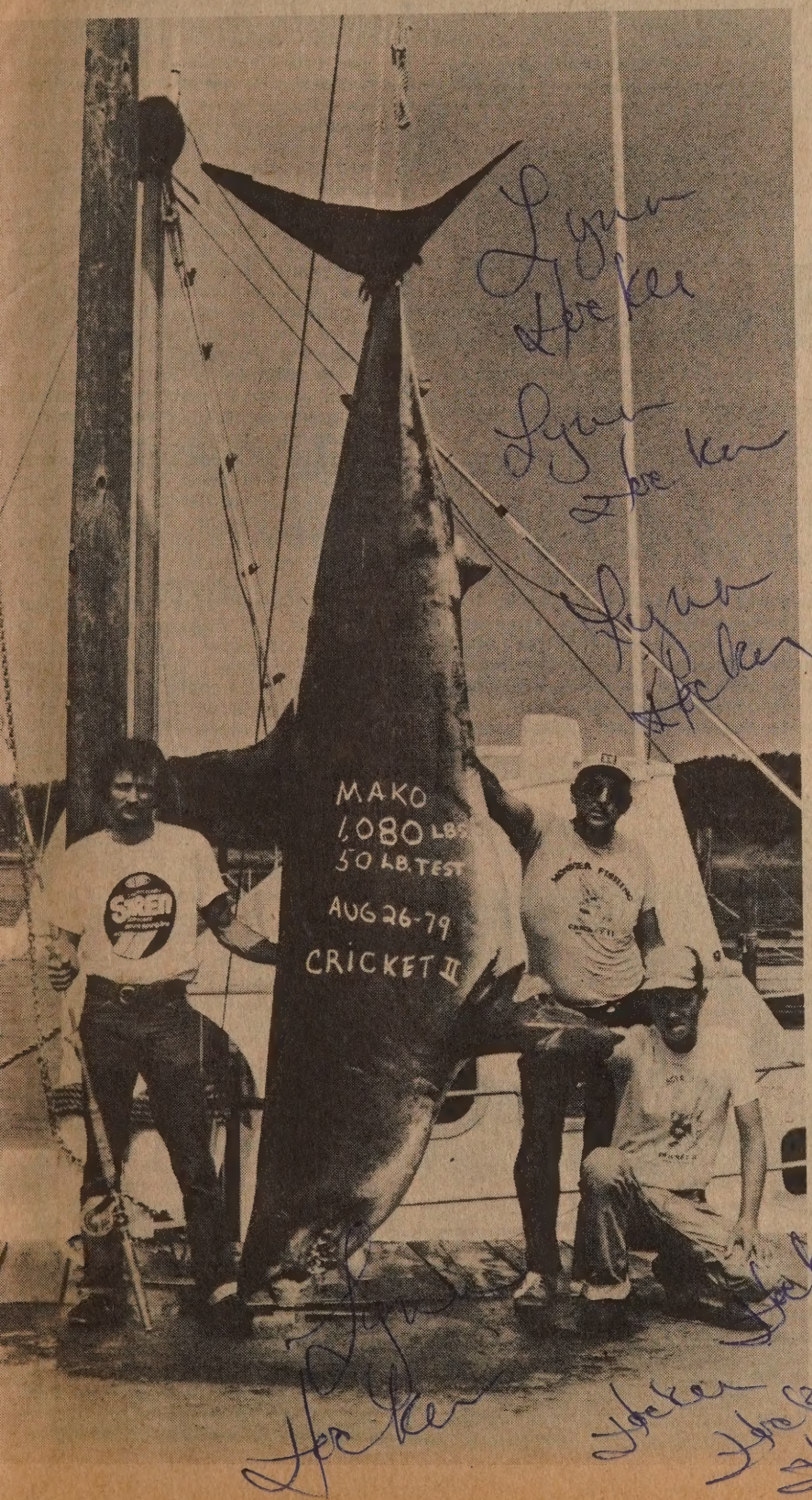

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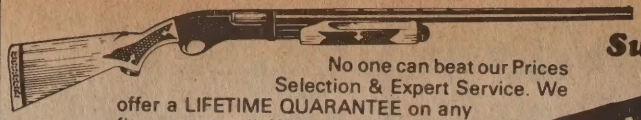

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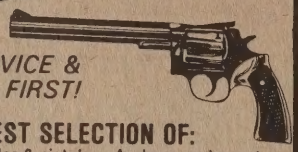

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Members of Ladder Co. #28, Engine #69 pose with a fine catch of big blues made aboard the charter boat "Kim." An unfortunate tragedy shortly followed this successful trip as one of the crew members, Jerry (second from left) fell to his death when a safety rope parted during a rescue attempt. Another member of the Department was killed during the same incident. The Long Island Fisherman extends its condolences to the families of these brave men and their fellow firemen.

Contests & Tournaments

$16,000 IN CASH AND PRIZES TO BE AWARDED AT SHARK TOURNAMENT

The Montauk Captain's Association is pleased to announce that their first Charity Shark Tournament is filled. At the same time, they apologize to those who could not be accommodated. The 100 entries were filled as of June 29. Hopefully, the next tournament can be opened to accept a greater number of boats.

A total of $6000 will be donated to the American Cancer Society and to the American Heart Fund. This represents one-half entrance fee, less expenses for bait and chum. Representatives of both charities will be at the award ceremonies to accept the donations.

The contestants will vie for an equal amount in cash to be awarded for the three largest sharks caught during the contest. The prizes will be: $3000 1st place; $2000 2nd place and $1000 3rd place. In addition, the winner will receive a trophy from Pflueger Marine Taxidermy. A special prize of a head mount of the largest mako caught is being donated by Fish Unlimited Taxidermy. The MCA will award a trophy for the most tag releases returned to marine biologist, Jack Casey. In addition to these prices, Captain Jim Palumbo, prize chairman, has made arrangements with 22 establishments for more than $4000 in merchandise to be awarded as prizes to the contestants. All organizing, promoting and operating expenses will be paid by the MCA and the Star Island Yacht Club. A complete list of donors and prizes will be distributed at the Tournament.

Spectators are welcome to attend the award ceremony, as well as the weighing-in Saturday and Sunday, commencing at 4PM each day. Representatives from Reliable Gaff, Shakespeare, Daiwa, Penn Griffith Marine Electronics, Blue Water Tackle, and others will be present at the Tournament to meet the public and to be of service to the contestans. The Long Island Tourism Commission has also recognized and sanctioned this event.

The contest will be judged by outdoor writers Scott Simons, The Long Island Fisherman; Nick Karas, Newsday and Jerry Kenny, New York Daily News. Also in attendance will be Barbara Lotz, editor, Travel Magazine, and Susan Pollack, East Hampton Star.

Handling the scale will be weigh master, Henry Colombi and his crew, headed by Benny Banker and a group from Newsday circulation department. On hand to inspect the sharks caught will be Jack Casey,

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The concept of a charity fishing tournament is an idea whose time has come. It should be a worthwhile event, benefical to all involved. We are looking forward to seeing you at the dock.

FREEPORT TUNA CLUB FISHING FESTIVAL

The Freeport Tuna Club will hold its sixth Annual Fishing Festival Saturday, August 2, 1980 at the Guy Lombardo Marina. This tournament will provide a competition between individual boats; and between fishing clubs. The highest ideals of sport fishing under IGFA rules will be observed!

So that all types of fishermen can be accommodated the quest will be billfish, sharks, tuna and bluefish. The number of boats will be limited to 60.

There will be free docking facilities for two nights, free bait will be supplied and a free Gala Dinner party. Valuable prizes at a free raffle, and free Tournament patches and insignias. The Freeport Tuna Club will not participate as a club and its members will be devoting their time and efforts to ensure all contestants are taken care of and have a good time.

The prizes consist of Penn International #50 reels and Custom Built Sea Isle Rods for 1st prize in each category. Second prize winners will receive Penn 114H reels and Custom Sea Isle Rods. High score for club teams will receive plaques and winning boats will receive pewter mugs. The complete cost for captain and four anglers will be $155.

The entire haul of fish weighed in will be sold to a local company and the proceeds donated to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. The purpose is to add additional funds to research so that there might be better fishing for us and those who follow!

For further information, call: Frank Delman, 295-5708; Max Horowitz, 212-525-4455.

CLUB NEWS

SURFSIDE 3 TUNA CLUB

Surfside 3 Tuna Club held a shark tournament on June 8 which was won by Fred Walters, fishing on Ray Wittmann's boat The Outcast. He landed a 162 lb. blue shark. Second place was won by Joe Savistano with a 123 lb. blue shark; 3rd place—Valerie Espenschied with a 121 lb. blue shark.

NEW BOOKS

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RECYCLE DRIVE

The monthly recycle drive of the Friends of Long Island will be held Saturday, July 19th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pathmark parking field on Merrick Road in Seaford. Look for the ecology flag. Materials collected are: newspapers and magazines, (tied or untied), aluminum and car batteries.

N.Y. SPORTFISHING COUNCIL COUNTS 3½ VICTORIES AS OF MID-1980

It's horn-tooting time for the thousands of fishermen the New York Sportfishing Council represented in its recent struggles with industry, commercial fishing interests and government. Things are looking up: so here's a rundown of the Council's recent accomplishments in securing sport fishermen's rights.

Dumping of Toxic Dredge in L. I. Sound

The New York Sportfishing Council played an essential role in Congressman Jerome Ambro's successful efort to elevate Long

Island Sound's protective status by placing it under the jurisdiction of the EPA. The Council was in direct and constant contact with the Congressman throughout the early phases of the struggle to stop the Army from dumping toxic dredge from Connecticut in Long Island Sound. It prepared massive petitions for his use, which it also sent to President Carter, the EPA and Federal and local legislators in both New York and Connecticut.

The Council was instrumental in promoting public opinion in support of the Congressman's efforts to accord the Sound the same protection from industrial and bureaucratic predators and polluters as the oceans.

Mr. Ambro's bill passed the House by a whopping majority. The Council anticipates the same support in the Senate and signature into law by President Carter. (Although the long term beneficial result of this legislation is truly outstanding, the Council claims this as only a half victory because it was unable to stop the dumping which precipitated the legislation in the first place.)

Prohibition against Bay Dragging

The NYSC also played an important role in securing legislation to protect the fishery from commercial draggers in the bays along the South Shore. Members of the Council's Board of Directors testified before state government committees, appeared before fishing clubs to prompt letter writing and made numerous calls to our representatives in Albany, and the Governor, to ensure passage of the much needed legislation.

As a result of their efforts a couple of elected officials remarked to a Council Board member that they were amazed at the enthusiasm and organization of the sport fishermen, as reflected by the Council and the way it represented them. They seemed to have recognized the influence of the Council as a portent for the future.

Romer Shoals Dredging, Stoppage and Removal of North Bar Pound Net

Again, through the efforts of Board members, and the general membership, the New York Sportfishing Council contributed greatly to the successful termination of these assaults on sport fishermen's rights. Council members called, wrote, and generally pestered government officials in both New Jersey and New York to stop the dredging of Romer Shoals and to remove the illegal Montauk net. In addition to the extremely effective postcard campaign conducted by The Long Island Fisherman, dozens of personal letters were sent by Council members to both Governor Byrne and officials of the Long Island State Park Commission. There is no question that the Council's efforts in this regard were effective in the final happy resolution of these issues.

Not all of the Council's projects have been as successful, however. Efforts to ban the gillnetting of weakfish in the Great South Bay, during May, have been met with staunch opposition from the commercial interests. It is too late to have legislation passed to protect the 1980 spawn and reduce social conflict, but the Council considers this a top priority issue and will be working with the next session of the legislature to secure this all-important regulation.

CHUM LINES

LORAN C WRECK CHARTS

I have been a subscriber to your magazine for many years. I have enjoyed some of the articles that you have written, as well as the information you have disseminated in your weekly publication.

One of the items I would be interested in, which you have not written about in your magazine, is the operation of Loran C and some of the offshore wrecks that could be fished provided that you can find the area, if a boat is equipped with a Loran receiver.

It would not only be for my own personal interest, but other fishermen as well, to be given some of this information. These are the best guarded secrets held by the commercial fishermen, as well as the so-called hot-shots on the water. I think this magazine should serve not only as a magazine which helps the average fisherman with simple guides to rigging and fishing, but also assists the more advanced fisherman with information that is held by the so-called "in group."

I do think that you could easily provide that service to your readers who are sports-minded fishing enthusiasts. *Rockville Centre, N.Y.*

A company has just started selling charts with wreck positions noted in Loran C. For info, call (305) 628-5295 or write to Wreck Charts, 1651 Huron Trail, Maitland, Fla. 32751. Scott S.

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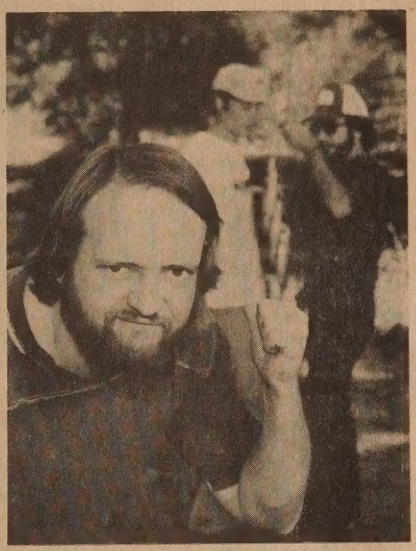
Arnie strikes again!



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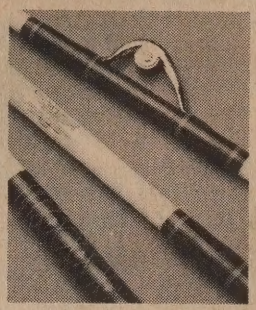

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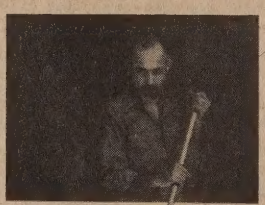

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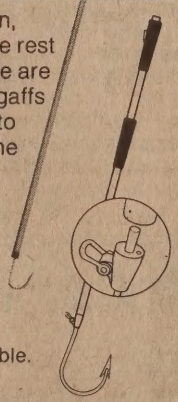

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boat and even if it did, I'm sure everyone can sacrifice one trip to ensure another.

Secondly, please answer two rather trivial, but somewhat puzzling questions: why do you sometimes omit the words Long Island from your cover logo, "The Long Island Fisherman?" If you're "the largest weekly sport fishing magazine in the United States," doesn't that make you the largest in the world?. *J. DeFranco, Auburndale, N.Y.*

You suggest that many fishermen are apathetic and perhaps you are right. However, we have witnessed that in recent years more and more saltwater fishermen are shedding apathy in exchange for power. That's why we've been successful at causing so many changes in recent years. We're always delighted to provide our readers with information on how to fight to protect our sport and marine habitats and we're happy to hear from readers who take advantage of it.

About your questions. The words "Long Island" are left off the cover on those occasions when the same cover (usually color) will be used for all three publications now published on the East Coast. We aren't up on every publication in the whole world, but you may very well be correct. In any event, we know that we're big with our family of readers and our readers are VERY BIG with us—and that's what counts! Dr. W. A. Muller.

FISHING CHARTS FOR NORTH SHORE

I am most interested in finding out if there are any charts of the area of Mamaroneck and as far as Port Jeff, showing the fishing areas, type of fish and what season they may be expected.

I have just changed marinas from Southold to Mamaroneck. I was well versed with fishing in Peconic, Gardiner's and Montauk, but now have to go through another learning process; so that I hope you can make it easier for me.

Thanking you in advance for any consideration afforded. *R. Rubio, Bronx, N.Y.*

None that we know of, Ray, but we have a suggestion. Get yourself a nautical chart for the area and visit one of the local bait and tackle shops, like the Rocky Point Fishing Stop or Angler's Den. Talk to the owners and ask them to show you the local fishing grounds and their appropriate names; what's caught there, best tides, etc. Local bait and tackle shop or rowboat station owners are always a good source for expert local fishing info, and seeking their aid can help anglers wherever they fish. Scott S.

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OUTBOARD DOCTOR

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Last week when I was weakfishing off Water Island in the Great South Bay, I helped a couple of guys out who were stuck with a fuel problem. Neither of us had a radio and there was no other traffic around so I agreed to tow them over to the Patchogue River. Well, I didn't know what I was getting into. They had a big center console job which looked about twenty-five feet. The wind was easterly and the tide was running against us, so it took me almost an hour-and-a-half of steady pulling to get them home. Their boat was so heavy it was pulling my transom under, so I could only go about half speed. I wonder if I hurt my engine doing this. I have a 20 h.p. Johnson on a 14 Dory type boat. It seems to be a lot noisier now and I am kind of losing my confidence in it. *Lou Accardi*

Well, as your 20 Johnson is no spring chicken, you put quite a demand on the old girl. This was a lot of work for an engine of its size and age. It was a good thing your Dory told you to slow down or both of you would have been looking for help. If your engine sounds noisier now, it is quite possible that the pistons are scuffed from the high combustion temperatures the engine developed during that hour-and-a-half of heavy pulling. Also you may have developed some play in the wrist pins and connecting rods. If you desire to keep the engine for awhile, we suggest you have it checked—a compression check at the very least. Chances are you are one of those fellows who is very careful about having the proper oil/gasoline mixture as this is one of those rare instances where the sloppy guy who goes overboard when adding oil would have come out smelling like a rose. Additional oil in the fuel mixture under heavy pulling conditions would have helped cool things down in the crankcase.

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I picked up a secondhand rake boat for my sons to use for clamming this summer and which I hope to use for the occasional fluking venture, though I generally fish from the surf. The former owner (a relative) told me that I should check the gear case once in awhile as he was suspicious of it. Otherwise, he assures me, the engine and everything is in fine shape. The engine is a Mercury. What's with checking the gear case. *F. Dugan*

The gear case is the housing at the lower-most portion of your engine which contains the propeller shaft and the gearing which drives the prop. About the only thing an owner can check regarding the gear case without removal and dismantling is the gear case oil; that is, how much is in the case and whether there is water seeping in. Being that the seller was a relative, we assume that he was not having difficulty shifting or hearing noises that might be coming from the unit. Possibly when filling it he had noticed moisture in the drainage or a little oil dripping down the skeg. You could drain it yourself to check for water, but we don't know if the engine has been used since its last filling. Your best bet is to go to a dealer and have it pressure-checked to make certain that the oil seals are sound. If you decide to do a little investigating on your own, first go to a Mercury dealer and buy a couple of tubes of the oil recommended for your model. Then, and we are assuming that the boat is trailered, with the engine in the straight down position and a drain pan of some kind underneath, loosen slightly the screw-headed plugs—one of which is marked "Fill" and the other marked "Vent." The idea of loosening first is to allow the release of any pressure build-up. If you do have a pressure build-up, your seals are probably okay. First remove the bottom plug and then the vent plug. The oil will tell you stories. It should be reasonably clear. If it is milky or whitish colored, chances are you are getting some water mixed with the oil, indicating one or more of the oil seals are leaking and require replacement. If the oil appears black with silver particles in it, you have internal wear that needs immediate attention. It could be a bearing, clutch or bushing being chewed up. If you are the lucky type, the drainage will be clear and will not require that you drain it dry: plug it for a moment, then get your tube of Merc oil and squeeze it in through the bottom plug until it seeps out of the top vent plug. Should you need to use the second tube, keep the nozzle of the empty tube in the fill hole and reach for the other. When you know the casing is full (the oil coming out the vent), re-install the vent plug first, then remove the tube and install the fill plug. Make certain that both plugs have their fiber washers in place before installing. Tighten firmly and wipe the gear case clean.

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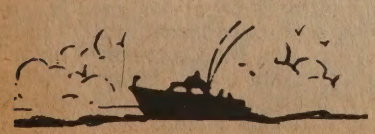
above the manufacturer's load rating. One result, of course, is a rather rough ride. The experienced skipper makes certain that gear in a trailered boat is placed so that during the shake, rattle and roll of the trip to the ramp no loss or damage takes place. Most of us forget that the trailer itself is also getting that constant jarring, and although a couple of months in the salt air usually provides a natural lock washer for most nuts, the newer rigs occasionally lose rollers, license plates and even winches. A two-way helper here is silicon rubber caulk, or the packaged strip caulking, or duct seal, a very maleable compound which can be formed like silly putty. Use these products on the exposed threads of bolts; it keeps the nuts in place and prevents rusting of the threads, a big help when at some later date adjustment is needed. Another fairly common result of the bumps a boat trailer takes is the breakage of taillight bulbs. This probably takes place in parking areas around unpaved ramps while moving the trailer without the boat after launching. At this time, the trailer may take huge bounces going through ruts. A help here if your taillights are fixed directly to the trailer, is to install some of that closed cell foam used for home air conditioner air sealing between the unit and window. Pierce the foam so that the bolts for the mounting brackets can be pushed through a doubled over strip and install between the bracket and its mounting holes on the trailer, then tighten firmly but not enough to take the resiliency out of the foam and it will act as a vibration damper. Another item on a trailer which will come loose, but which should not have been installed in the first place, is wire nuts. In the rush to do things cheaply, many trailers (and boats) exhibit wiring jobs done with quick twist splices held together with little plastic gidgets called wire nuts. These nuts have a spring-like copper or aluminum coil insert which act the part of threads to receive wire twisted together in a screw-like fashion. They work best on solid wire such as used in house wiring. The stranded wire used in vehicle work for flexibility does not make up as well into a screw form when twisted and does not take up as firmly when the wire nut is screwed on. If you find them on your trailer, remove them and make a soldered connection and wrap in heat-shrink tubing or tape, or if this is difficult for you to get, use the plastic electrician's tape, wrapping well to prevent that salt fog from getting in.



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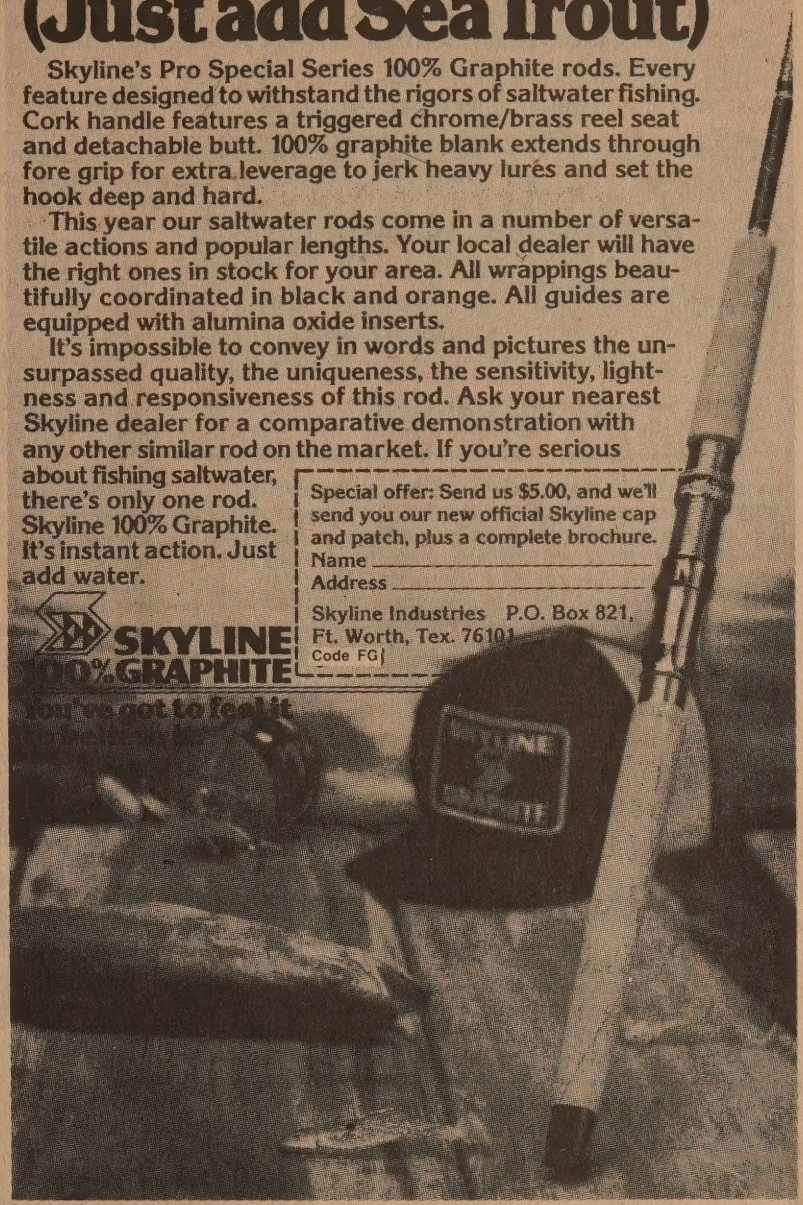

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NATIONAL SCENE
with Al Ristori

OIL DRILLING TOXIC?

George Wilde, Board Chairman of the Marine Environmental Council of Long Island, recently sent along a copy of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) "Research Highlights 1979." Included was an article on offshore drilling that spelled out a danger which hasn't been considered before. It seems that the chemicals used in the drilling operation are highly toxic and are routinely discharged into the marine environment.

When an offshore well is being drilled, a special mixture of clay, water and chemicals is pumped down into the drilled hole through the drill pipe and drill bit. This mixture cools the rapidly rotating bit, lubricates the drilling string, and carries rock cuttings to the surface. A variety of chemicals are added to the drilling mud in order to provide various benefits. However, EPA research has shown that: drilling fluid is ten times more toxic than industrial effluents such as untreated wastes from oil refineries or pulp mills; carcinogens are discharged during drilling operations; drilling compounds thought to be "insoluble" and therefore "biologically unavailable" are, instead, actively taken up by marine organisms; chemicals normally discharged are capable of accumulating in marine organisms; chemicals which are discharged during the drilling persist for years in the sea bottom sediments; a wide variety of organisms which normally inhabit the sea floor cannot grow on the sediments which are contaminated by these drilling fluids, and the effects of the chemicals on coral may be delayed for as much as a year before they can be observed.

While all of this sounds pretty serious, it's unlikely that the effects are as disastrous in the open sea. This information was gathered by testing the chemicals in tanks on small marine animals (shrimp and shellfish), flora and coral samples collected from the sea floor off the Florida panhandle in the Gulf of Mexico. The effects of limited volumes of these same chemicals in open sea water washed by strong currents may prove to be insignificant. Nothing in the article pointed to any such serious chemical build-ups in marine organisms actually living around oil drilling rigs. Since there are many rigs in the Gulf off Louisiana that have been operating for decades, this should be fairly easy to test for. The likelihood of serious contamination around any potential rigs off our shores would be far less, since they are in deep water and continually cleansed by strong currents.

This potential problem certainly bears looking into, especially in view of the possibility of heavy drilling pressure on fish-rich Georges Bank and the Flower Garden Banks coral reefs off the Texas coast. EPA has a big budget to finance such studies, and it's important that they follow-up in order to determine the actual effects of these chemicals in open water situations. It's quite likely that experimentation will produce other means of getting the job done without causing significant harm to the environment.

Friend George asked me if this would change my mind about offshore drilling. Unfortunately, as long as I continue to pump gas into my car and boat—and keep heating my house with natural gas—I can't justify insisting on others assuming the environmental risks of drilling while I enjoy the benefits. If the oil and gas is there, we have an obligation to share it with our countrymen. Indeed, it's highly unlikely that any finds off our coasts or on Georges Banks would even begin to fulfill the requirements of the northeast. We'll still be dependent on foreign and other domestic sources, but at least we'll have done what we can to help ourselves. Frankly, I was a little ashamed during the fuel crises a few years ago when businesses in Louisiana were being forced to shut for lack of fuel that was being sent to us—at the same time that many were still fighting the sale of permits to determine if there was any oil and gas in our offshore waters.

Nothing yet has happened which would convince me that offshore drilling constitutes a grave environmental risk. The number of serious spills over the years has been incredibly small, and there is no indication of any lasting environmental damage. There seems to be a good deal more risk associated with the transport of foreign oil to our shores. Certainly the fishing picture in the Gulf of Mexico is far better than it was before the rigs, and I've yet to meet a sport fisherman in that area who wasn't delighted to have all those artificial reefs available to him.

Test results from the experimental rigs off our coasts indicate that we may not have to worry about the environmental effects in any case. Practically no oil has been found, and the quantities of natural gas still don't appear to be sufficient to justify the huge expense involved in building a pipeline to carry it to shore. Georges Bank looks more promising from a geological standpoint, but that too is a big gamble. In the meantime, I'm satisfied to let EPA stay on top of the situation and impose such regulations on the drillers as are necessary to keep negative environmental effects to a minimum, while still providing a glimmer of hope that we may become a little less dependent on unstable sources of foreign oil and gas.

Long Distance Sharks

Jack Caley at the NMFS Narragansett Lab reports some exceptional tag recoveries during April. A blue shark tagged on a 1978 cruise on the Polish research vessel "Wieczno" off Cape Hatteras was recaptured 110 miles east of Cabo Sao Vicente, Portugal after 557 days at liberty. Another transatlantic blue shark had been tagged off Long Island and was recaptured off Spain. Full details weren't available on that catch at press time. Another blue shark travelled from Block Island to St. Lucia in the British West Indies in 964 days.

Three recoveries showed movement from the Atlantic into the Gulf of Mexico, a pattern which was only a matter of speculation until a couple of years ago. A mako tagged by a NMFS observer on a Japanese longliner off Cape Hatteras was taken 184 days later off the Dry Tortugas. An oceanic whitetip tagged near the Dry Tortugas was recaptured near Cape Canaveral, and a dusky or sandbar (brown) travelled from Shinnecock to Cape Catoche, Mexico. All of this illustrates the importance of my insistence in 1977 that the PMP controlling foreign longliners contain a minimum surplus of little more than 1,000 metric tons, rather than the more than 30,000 metric tons originally proposed. A great many makos and blues have been released by the longliners, and the live release rate is in the ninety percent area. Furthermore, we now know that the many makos released in the Gulf are likely to migrate to our area.

New Evinrude Film Available

Clubs seeking new films for their meetings should check into the new Evinrude Motors production, "The Striper's Odyssey." This thirty-one minute, 16mm film explores the contrasting life styles of the native saltwater striper and the transplanted freshwater variety. Spider Andresen and Bill Dance team up to fish stripers off Martha's Vineyard and at Percy Priest Lake in Tenneessee. "The Striper's Odyssey" is available at no charge by writing to Solana Studios, 4365 North 27th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216.

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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FISH TALK
with William A. Muller

When is a Flounder a Flounder?

COASTAL NAMES. I've fished out of a number of ports along the coast and some out of the country too, and I've always been somewhat amazed how common names for fish vary. For example, our striped bass is a rockfish along southern Atlantic states, and kingfish are sea mullet in those same areas. Still, one of the most difficult to reconcile is the use of the word flounder for fluke in southern waters. Sid Darion of New York City writes about such a dilemma. "I'm a regular reader of your publication and I have learned a lot from it. But on a recent trip to Washington D.C. I learned something that confuses me. That area's flounder run is on as is ours. I saw the enclosed article in the Washington Post. The writer speaks of minnows and squid strips as bait! Minnows and squid strips for flounder? Is this a different species of the flatfish or are we missing a bet by not using that bait in our area?" The article from the Washington Post that you were kind enough to pass along to us is discussing fishing techniques for fluke. Fluke, or summer flounder, are not usually called flounder in our area because of the potential confusion with the winter flounder, or blackback. In southern waters they do not catch our blackback flounder and therefore summer flounder has been shortened to "flounder". It is very easy to be fooled by such an article and the only reason that I can be so positive is that I'm very familiar with this situation down south. Actually, squid strips will work on our winter flounder at times although I wouldn't recommend it as a preferred bait. Twice I coaxed flounder to take squid. Once was in Peconic Bay and the second time it was at Montauk. Minnows, or killies, are another matter. I can't imagine that our winter flounder would be able to get them into their mouths unless the killies were very small or the flounder very large. On the other hand, I have seen several occasions where flounder were eating the slim sand eel in prodigious quantities. However, on these occasions I used several of the regurgitated sand eels for bait without any luck whatsoever. That surprised me since the flounders were eating them and the sand eels from their mouths were still alive and wiggling. That's life!

MANUEL ARGYROS OF CORAM ASKS; "When fishing with ranges, how can I get back to my original location if I only have one range to work with?" Whenever possible, fishermen employing ranges should try to work with three ranges at least. This allows the angler to triangulate which gives him position relative to all directions. However, there are times when this is not possible due to shoreline characteristics, weather, or other factors. It is possible to work with only one range although it will be more difficult to set up for identical drifts. In order to use one range you'll need several objects close together on the lateral plane and some distance apart in the front to back plane. When you begin to drift, note which object is behind the other and then note how the positions of each object relative to the other changes during the course of the drift. When your drift is complete head back in the same direction you came from and proceed until the two objects on land are in the same positions relative to one another that they were last time. A compass will be a big help because you can maintain the same course back to restart the drift each time. In the absence of a compass you'll have to estimate the distance from the object and stay as close to that line as you can. It is also helpful if you know what you are drifting over. A graphing recorder that may show up a particular piece of bottom is helpful in this way. If you do not pick up the same piece of bottom you'll know that the angle of your drift is off and you'll need to realign yourself. Without a depth recorder you may be able to do the same thing by feeling the bottom for rises and depression with your sinker.

DAN RODRIGEZ OF NEW YORK CITY WRITES ABOUT MONOFILAMENT, "If mono fishing lines become brittle because of age, how does a consumer know when he (or she) is buying old or fresh monofilament? I sure would like to see companies date them, like photographic paper. For example, date made or expiration date. This would help the consumer when purchasing the line." That's a very interesting question and the suggestion you have made has merit. However, it isn't likely that you'll buy "bad" monofilament off the shelf unless you buy an inferior product from a store that handles fishing tackle only as an aside. It might be possible under such circumstances that the line could have been on the shelf for many years, but in a real fishing tackle store the line moves too quickly for that. In addition, although monofilament line will eventually weaken with age, on the shelf, aging on the reel is a much greater problem and it is this aspect that writers refer to. Water, sun, tension, salt all conspire to weaken the line. It is doubtful that any of these factors will come into play in a store. I would avoid stores that keep the line near a window since sunlight might affect the product under these circumstances. Today, most lines come pre-wrapped in plastic containers that prevent air from getting in or out and thus the harmful effects of pollutants such as ozone are reduced to minimum levels. However, if you still would rather be over cautious you can feel the line. When the line is wrapped up you may have to wait until you get home to test it. New line should feel a little slippery, almost as if someone had sprayed it with a little oil. Also, if you use the line and find it to be unsatisfactory, most dealers will stand behind their product and replace the line. If you buy a product you have every right to expect it to be in tip-top condition.

THANKS TO C. ISRAELIAN OF SAUGERTIES, N.Y. for sending us an interesting article from a local paper about striped bass. "I thought this photo might interest you. We live about one hundred miles north of Manhattan. I used to live on Long Island but had to move upstate with my job. The fishing up here isn't very good; all the Hudson Fish have P.C.B.'s and D.E.C. recommends not to eat them. Can't wait for vacations and fishing at Greenport, Moriches, etc. I don't favor the salt water fishing license because the State of New York will never put the license fee money where it was intended. Governor Carey will suck up our fees and put them in the general fund so all we will have is another tax without benefit. Hope we can hold off on this as long as possible even though it looks good on paper. Keep up the good work." Although you are quite right in writing that Hudson river fish are contaminated with P.C.B.'s, it may not necessarily be true that it is dangerous to eat them. The EPA, FDA, and D.E.C. suggest the we **limit** our consumption of Hudson river stripers, not abstain from eating them, Many of the fish that winter and or spawn in the Hudson river migrate out into Long Island Sound or into New York Bight where they are caught by fishermen, sold, and eaten. Thus, officials suggest a limited intake of bass regardless of whether they come from the river or the ocean. About the salt water license. You may be right in wanting to hold off the salt water license as long as possible, but the point that many are making is that if you stay removed from the discussion the time will come when there will be a license which will have the horrible provision we are all afraid of: fees go into general fund. However, if we stay on top of the situation and repeatedly insist that any license will have to conform to certain needs of the fishermen, then it will be almost impossible for unwanted versions of a license law to be

passed. However, what intrigued me the most about your letter was the newspaper article with the picture that you sent to me from the Old Dutch Post Star dated April 24, 1980. It shows a man who caught a twenty-nine pound bass in his shad net the week before. That isn't so unusual since shad netters do take bass from time to time. However, a look at the fish in the photo reveals the gut is absolutely swollen. Now the distention isn't towards the front part of the gut as it would be if the bass had just eaten several of the shad. Instead, the gut bulges towards the rear; in the area of the vent (genital opening of fishes). In fact, in spite of the fact that the photo reproduction on newsprint is, as expected, quite grainy, it is easy to see that the vent is swollen. Thus, I can only conclude that this female is ripe, in a spawning condition and would have dropped her eggs within days or even hours prior to netting. This is intriguing because the fish were taken in late April when many bass have already begun the northward or eastward migration.

NOTES ON PORGIES. By now the porgies should be in full swing everywhere and if they aren't abundant in your area right now, hold tight. Although the big sea porgies that are in Peconic Bay early in the spring will have moved out there will be plenty of good-sized fish all summer in the Peconics. In addition the porgies will be solid at Gardiner's Island and Montauk and also inside the Sound. Porgies are the summer equivalent to spring flounder in my opinion. They are plentiful and they are widely dispersed. Young and old alike can join in on the fun. However, just like winter flounder, the porgies aren't always a push-over. There are good and bad days and there are days when you can catch all you want but you'll have to look around a little to find them. Here are a few ideas that may improve your success. Always use a chum pot. The best chum seems to be mushed clams. It's hard to come by the clam bellies of years past, so you'll have to do your own opening and smashing. Sandworms seem to be the best bait in most areas. The one exception is Montauk where the porgies will take clams as readily as the worms. Fishermen who are serious about their porgy fishing will buy one, two, or more flats of sandworms; by the gross rather than the dozen. They save money this way and are assured of having plenty of bait. Unlike winter flounder which often prefer long flowing chunks of mussel or big pieces of worm, porgies are greedy for the little pieces almost as much as for the big ones, so cut your worm into small pieces and thread it up the hook shank with no dangling pieces. In this way it's harder for the porgies to steal your bait. Porgies are notorious bait stealers so pay attention at all times to your rod. Most porgy sharpies suggest that you sink the hook with a sharp upwards flick of the wrist rather than a long sweep of the arms, as you would do in flounder fishing. Last but not least, the porgy is a great eating fish but some people complain about the little bones. This problem is easily avoided. First, do not keep small porgies because they will indeed be difficult to clean. Those that are of fillet size are handily filleted. Do not scale or gut. Instead fillet and when approaching the head and gills lift the knife and make a forty-five degree diagonal cut towards the anal fin. You'll leave a little flesh on the skeleton but you'll avoid all the little bones in that area. The prize will be a thoroughly boneless fillet.

Don't forget it isn't too late to enter the Shakespeare Win A Rod contest!

SINKER BOUNCING: FISHERMAN PORTRAIT

(Continued from page 17.)

misgivings aplenty.

And this is where those master fishermen I mentioned came in. As each seasonal species of fish became available, I asked questions of these experts. And boy, could I ask questions. I had yet to fish aboard a party boat; in fact, I had yet to catch one of those fish I had so much interest in, but because of this intense desire to learn, I became a walking encyclopedia of knowledge on how it was done. Little did I know that there was a vast difference between knowing and doing.

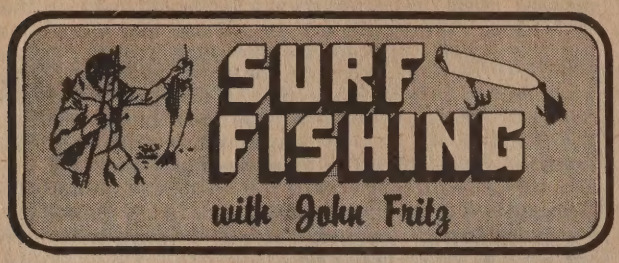
So well did I learn because of this intense interest that by the time I was twelve, I was actually accepted by these neighborhood master anglers as a genuine fisherman. Of course, I now know that because my interest was so sincere they hadn't the heart to discourage me from sitting in at their discussions. I suppose I really did make a pest of myself and when I look back now, I'm sure many of my questions were foolish and assinine. But to the everlasting credit of these kindly fishermen, not one ever told me to get lost. I think had this been done, my spirit would have been broken. I believe, too, that they recognized this. Truly, there were great fishermen in my Brooklyn neighborhood.

Okay—enough horn-tooting for now.

Next week we'll get into my early party boat fishing days, days where I quickly discovered that there is more to fishing than meets the eye, plus how I became cured of foolishly thinking that knowing how to fish was the same as catching fish.

Porgies provide hot action during the summer months, are good battlers, and are great table fare.

Most fishermen are aware that the heated water discharged from electric generating plants has an effect on marine life in the surrounding area and that during the late autumn certain species of fish tarry too long in these outflows. Thus preventing their normal migration for the ambient sea temperatures have



"OFF" SEASON AT LILCO

fallen to a point below that which the fish can tolerate. These fish, for the most part striped bass, blues, perch and mullet, are forced to spend the winter months in this unnatural habitat; to perish if the infusion of hot water fails or to be freed when the warming sun of spring unlocks their frigid impoundment.

In a similar way, the same can be said for the fishermen who seek these holdover fish. When the natural migrating schools arrive these anglers return to their customary areas until the following winter's cold once again creates this artificial environment. The above information is common knowledge but what is not as widely known is the fact that fish are attracted to the hot water outflow at Northport the year round. The massive infusion of large quantities of water into the placid waters of the Sound draws gamefish in much the same manner as the ebb tide at an inlet. The Oyster Pond, located entirely within the confines of the plant, harbors great quantities of bait which is frequently washed seaward by the incessant outward flow. This coupled with the agitation created by the pounding of the flow over the waterfall and the rips and eddies formed as the outrushing water swirls around the restricting sandbars is a natural haven for gamefish seeking prey. What's more, the extensive mussel beds, which have been absent for several years, have formed once again to provide further enticement for foraging striped bass.

The majority of anglers who fish the discharge of the Long Island Lighting Company plant at Northport park their car at Crabmeadow Beach and trudge west along the beach. During the winter months this presents little problem for the restrictions are not enforced as they are for the summer bathing season, which generally encompasses the period from the Memorial Day weekend to shortly after Labor Day. Outside of this time span, and occasionally in inclement weather, access to the beach can be obtained. At any rate admittance at times can be a complex undertaking which is best left to the individuals own resources.

The east side of the outflow is the only area available to the vast majority of anglers desiring to fish this location so I will confine my remarks to this accessible side. To begin with the top of the tide is generally fished only by bait fishermen who use rods capable of casting long distances. A short fence extends into the water which prohibits casting directly into the outflow until the tide has receded approximately two hours. Bottom fishermen, with the longer range afforded them by their heavy equipment, are able to cast in a direction which corresponds to ten or eleven o'clock if an angler considers twelve o'clock to be directly seaward. The terminal gear is thereby placed accurately into the outflow. When strong winds from a west or northwest direction are present, the bottom immediately to the front of the angler and occasionally the cove to the right can be more productive.

Once the tide has fallen for about two hours it is now possible to edge around the tip of the fence and stand on the mound of sand which is formed on the inside. In this manner an angler may cast directly into the pool formed by the waterfall. Some fishermen prefer to cast to the far corner where the opposite fence abuts the waterfall. Care must be taken in two respects when fishing in such a manner. First, if the cast is too forceful the lure can become entangled in the fence on the opposite side affording a nice gift to the workmen in the plant. Secondly there are numerous obstructions which will snag a lure permitted to sink to the bottom.

The spot I prefer is at a point in front of the tip of the opposite fence. At this point the other bank drops sharply, forming a deep pocket which lies out of the full force of the surging water and where, on many occasions, stripers have been known to lurk. If no strike is forthcoming, the current will swing the lure to the right where it can be worked in a wide arc until the retrieve is completed.

As the tide subsides further, it will become possible to wade out along the bar which lies perpendicular to the beach. The base of the bar is normally located about thirty feet east of the fence and continues in a seaward direction for a few hundred feet. Upon approaching the outer reaches of the bar a rip will become evident off to the northwest or if you prefer the left front. This disturbance is caused by a sandbar which will gradually emerge upon low water. Lying between the main bar and this island is a slight cut which can be safely traversed towards the end of the tide. Once on this outer bar an angler can go as far as the water depth permits.

Most anglers working these bars concentrate their efforts on the outflow although it is a better practice to cast in all directions until the fish are located. Towards the end of the ebb tide the water in the outflow becomes shallow, with depths around three or four feet. It would seem that the fish would seek deeper water, but I have taken bass and blues in the daylight under these conditions, so don't ignore any area. Work an area thoroughly and move on to cover the next; then return and go over the same area again, for frequently the fish will move back and forth rather than concentrate in one particular spot.

Before I proceed any further let me emphatically point out that this is a dangerous area. Surfmen have lost their lives when fishing the outflow because they did not respect these treacherous currents. The force of the water being discharged from the plant creates a seaward rush similar to what is experienced in inlets during a full ebbing tide. The further the tide drops the more forceful the current becomes for now it is confined to the narrow channels lying among the emerging sandbars.

When fishing the incoming tide, a keen awareness should be had of the rise of the water in relation to any deeper cut an angler must cross to reach the safety of the beach. Remember, even though the tide is coming in, the flow from the plant is still forcing water outward, against the direction which must be taken to reach the shore. At any rate the outgoing tide is normally a more productive time to fish the east bar.

Anglers fishing in a dense fog or during the cooler months when the air temperature reacts with the warmer water to produce a fog-like condition, can become disoriented. Constant awareness of the safe route to the shore should be on mind of anyone fishing under these conditions.

In previous paragraphs I related the structure of the east bar. This was it's formation at the time of this writing but by the time you read these words the bar can be completely different, although it tends to retain the same general shape. Learn the area well but proceed cautiously at all times, especially in the dark, for one severe storm can put a cut where there was none on the previous trip. Also, rocks exposed by a heavy surf can trip a careless angler. Once down in these powerful currents an angler encumbered by waders, top and equipment will have a difficult task in regaining his feet. Surfmen in possession of a wet suit would be advised to

don the foam rubber rather than the waders.

Now that I've completed my preaching, back to fishing. Strong winds can have a direct effect on the direction of the hot water plume. For those fishing from the east bar, west and northwest winds tend to push the outflow towards the angler but on the other hand lures will have to be cast into the wind. Winds from a southerly direction have little effect on the course of the flow for the bluffs behind the beach shield the inshore waters. Breezes blowing from the east or northeast, when of sufficient force, will drive the plume towards the jetty, away from the angler. Winds from this direction complicate matters further by roiling the bottom to a degree where weed incessantly fouls the lure.

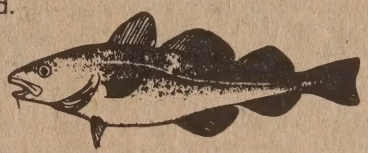
As the striped bass which have been trapped here throughout the winter disperse with the warming water temperatures the void is partially filled by the newly arriving weakfish. Red eelworms and four inch sinking Rebels coupled with a teaser are favorite lures for those trying for weaks. Care should be taken not to allow the lure to drag bottom for there is ample debris littering the seabed to snag the lure. Shortly after the weaks arrive swarms of small bluefish can be expected to provide excellent fishing for fishermen on the scene. Fast moving lures such as small tins or poppers are the choice of many fishermen with bright orange poppers, a dynamite plug when the water is murky. These lures when used with light tackle can reward the angler with many pleasurable moments.

These blues and weaks, coupled with school bass, can be taken on and off throughout the season with most action petering out in late summer. Although most bass are taken at night along with the major portion of the weakfish, the harbor blues can be plugged in the daylight with the better fishing to be had in the hours following sunrise and preceding sunset.

Later in the season great fishing can often be found with blues, which have been reported to exceed twenty pounds. This usually occurs in October when the chilling winds of approaching winter stimulates the monster bluefish into leaving the harbors where they have been feeding on schools of bunker. Most of these fish are taken on chunks of bunker with fresh bunker normally producing better results than that which has been previously frozen. In a pinch, mackerel kept frozen from the spring run will suffice.

This bait can be fished using any of the three typical bottom rigs or by employing a method prefered by many fishing the outflow, which permits the hooked fish to fight unimpeded by cumbersome terminal gear. Chunks of bunker secured on a single hook can be fed into the current and drifted out to the waiting bluefish. Stout gear is required when battling these alligators with wire leaders, a must if the fish is to be safely landed. Many anglers prefer to use 6/0 Siwash stainless steel hooks but any hook of similar size and strength will be adequate. Some fishermen favor adding a cork above the wire leader to help float the bait but this is a matter of personal preference for the force of the outflow will usually carry the bait far enough to be found by the waiting blues. This activity is usually confined to the hours of darkness with the top half of the ebb preferred by most successful fishermen.

Most surfmen become acquainted with the LILCO outflow in the winter months when there is little fishing to be had elsewhere on the Island. With so many opportunities available during the course of the normal season the outflow is given silent thought. This is unfortunate for on many occasions superior fishing can be found under the shadow of the "Four Stacks" all year round.



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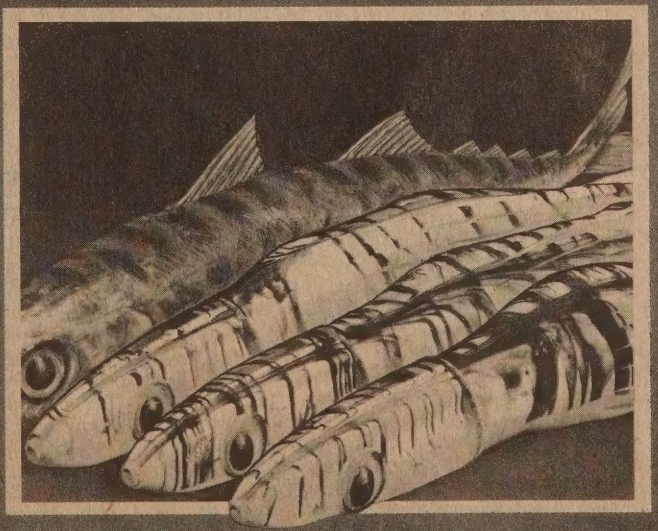

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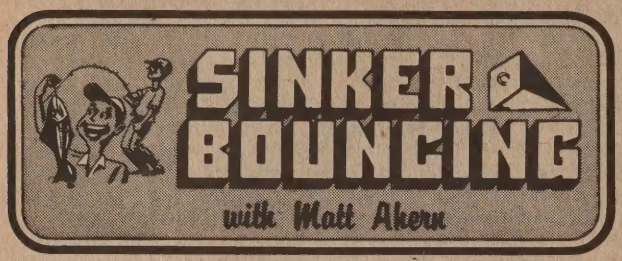
Last April in his column "Fish Talk," Bill Muller commented on a letter sent in by Eric Cisar of Brooklyn. Mr. Cisar, an enthusiastic bottom fisherman, wanted to know how he could improve his fishing results, for it seemed his endeavors were leaving much to be desired. In reply, Bill suggested that he read Sinker Bouncing as a source of supply. Bill then asked if



PORTRAIT OF A FISHERMAN

★ PART ONE ★

I would care to respond to Mr. Cisar through this column. I certainly welcome the opportunity, for it allows me to do something I've been wanting to do for a long time. I'm sorry for the lapse of several months before I could reply.

The suggestion to respond to Mr. Cisar in this column required only fourteen words; but in order to do such a request justice, my reply will take at least several thousand—perhaps more. Therefore, I hope everyone will bear with me.

First of all, Mr. Cisar, let me say that Bill Muller is absolutely correct when he says fishing every three weeks or so is not enough to sharpen needed skills. I say this not to discourage you, for there are methods available from which much can be learned to improve those fishing skills without wetting a line. But let me say that nothing can take the place of actual fishing. A fisherman can only learn by doing, by trial and error—it is as simple as that.

I could go on and on in this vein and yet I'd only skim the surface of what it takes to become what I call a master fisherman. I am presuming, of course, that this is your goal, for certainly there is no point in wanting to become or remain a mediocre fisherman.

The term "master fisherman" isn't a figment of a fertile imagination. These fellows do exist—don't ever doubt that. These experts are the fellows who enter upon the fishing scene, plunk themselves down, and begin to catch fish when all about them neighboring anglers haven't had a bit of action for hours. If you have been fishing for any length of time, I'm almost certain you've witnessed this. Let me assure you this accomplishment isn't due to luck. To these master anglers, there is no such thing as luck. They create what is called luck.

Sure, luck, up to a point, enters into the fishing game. We've all seen, or heard of, the novice who has won the big-fish pool over the well-experienced fisherman. That's a classic example of luck, but that's all there is to that. This sort of "luck" is a far cry from the skill and knowledge needed to consistently put fish in the bucket over and above the competition. If you doubt this, ask yourself how often you've seen this novice pool-winning happen.

Mr. Cisar, by the time you read this, I shall have been bottom fishing sixty years. This is certainly a long time you will agree, and in that time I can honestly say I believe I've seen all there is to see in the bottom fishing game—including the tragedy of shipwreck. And at the conclusion of all those long years, I have only this to say: I am still learning! Without fail, I learn something new each time I go fishing; there is simply no end to the knowledge acquired, and needed, as the years pass. Again, I have no desire to discourage you, nor am I trying to.

Now all this might lead readers to believe I'm a hot-shot fisherman. But such is not the case at all. A fair fisherman, perhaps—after all one cannot fish sixty years and fail to have some measure of success—but in the true sense of the term "good fisherman," I am far from that.

I regularly fish with fellows who put me in the little boy's class, and this they do with little strain or pain on their part. I simply cannot out-cod my fishing buddy of sixty years, Artie Leidecker, nor can I, except under rare circumstances, out-flounder Nick Hauck, with whom I've been fishing forty-one years this past March. These fellows are truly master fishermen and against them, I unashamedly admit I come in a poor second. They have something I know I'll never possess. But yet, oddly enough, we learn from each other. One complements the other. Truly in this respect, one man's poison is another man's meat.

And these two buddies of mine are not exceptions by any means. There are multitudes of such excellent fishermen about on the water every nice day (and on days not so nice). You will find these gentlemen quiet, unassuming, and steeped in fish lore. By these qualities you will know them. Beware the self-centered braggart and noise-maker who calls attention to himself, for he knows nothing of the fishing game. These are simply his self-conscious methods devised to trap you into overlooking personal shortcomings. Unless such a fisherman changes his ways, he will never become outstanding in the fishing game. And the sad part is he will surely drag down those of us who accept him as an expert. A word to the wise is certainly sufficient, for there are many about on the land.

A master fisherman will always help a brother angler—there are no ifs, ands, or buts about this. In all those years I've put in, I have never seen one of these kindly fishermen refuse to help when asked to do so in a sincere manner. They are notorious for cheerfully parting with knowledge and information which may have indeed taken a lifetime to learn. These are truly the fellows who know what it means to so desperately want to catch fish.

It was this method of securing information that proved so useful to me during those days of yesteryear when I needed to increase my meager supply of knowledge. There were no magazines devoted exclusively to the wants of the saltwater fisherman those days. Books that were available catered to the well-heeled, around-the-world big game fisherman. How lucky we fishermen of today!

But as they say: where there's a will, there's a way. And in this, I was lucky, for in the Brooklyn neighborhood in which I was reared, master fishermen abounded. They are all long gone, of course, but their memory and their kindness to a knee-pants kid is deeply etched and will forever be remembered. I owe a debt which can never be repaid, for truly I am not wrong when I say I believe they were the cream of the crop.

Therefore, in order to answer Mr. Cisar's request on how to catch more and bigger fish, I find I shall have to go back a long way and come up-to-date as rapidly as possible, for not only would it be impossible to compress sixty years of fishing into several short articles, but I have no wish to bore you. There is nothing so annoying as listening to another toot his own horn, regardless of the good intentions.

I hope, too, that by re-entering the days of long ago, readers may select what appeals to them and thereby use some of these long-proven methods as an aid in getting those fish in the bucket.

It is my intent to journey through my boyhood fishing days when I so desperately sought that much needed information, through my youth as a party boat mate, thence into my adult years, still no less desperate to learn, and finally a rundown on the best methods I've found to catch the various fish we bottom fishermen seek—from fluke to cod. It may well prove to be a most difficult writing job, but I'll give it a whirl.

Now sixty years is certainly a long time, but as I seem blessed with a keen, retentive memory, the effort to recall fishing trials and tribulations is not all that difficult.

Let me first say that I became interested in fishing at the tender age of five. This was back in 1919, shortly after the first World War. I had seen a photo in the old New York Evening Journal of fishermen busily catching lafayettes from a rundown Brooklyn pier. The supply of these small fish must have been great indeed and the crowds catching them greater still, for some of those men were fishing with handlines through broken and quite possibly purposely torn out wooden slats of the walkway. In my mind's eye, I can still see the piles of fish lying scattered about the pier.

No one in my immediate family was a fisherman and I can't for the life of me explain from whence this soul-stirring interest came, but I certainly had it. Of course, I couldn't read at the time, so I had my dad read the accompanying story to me. I never forgot it. I knew then, just knew, mind you, that someday I would become a fisherman. There were no two ways about it. It was as certain as the sun's rising in the East.

I don't know if you believe in fate, but in the summer of 1920 we moved to another Brooklyn neighborhood. I didn't know it then, but I was about to embark on a lifelong fishing career.

The day after we had moved and settled in, I sat alone on the chipped brownstone stoop of the tenement—a tenement which was to become my home for many years. I was probably thinking dark thoughts—if such a thing is possible for a six-year-old. How long I sat there, I don't know; but I do know that the first kid I saw and spoke to was skinny, tow-headed, eight-year-old Artie Leidecker, who was destined to become (and is still) a bosom buddy of sixty years and who remains to this day closer than a brother.

Contrary to what you must be thinking, Artie and I never mentioned the word "fishing" when we first met. Whether this was because there was little incentive to do so, I can't say; but it wasn't until the following summer when Artie said the magic word. It seemed he knew of a pond hidden away in a local cemetery which was known to contain bullheads, white perch, goldfish, and huge carp. The fish were there for the catching, Artie said, and maybe, because the thought seemed appealing at the moment, maybe we ought to look into it.

O Happy Day!

As for tackle, I was told any whippy willow branch would do, a carefully bent straight pin, and a dough mixture of flour, sugar, and water for bait was all we needed. So began our fishing careers.

We didn't catch a fish the first few times we tried, but one day I managed to nail a three inch bullhead. That was all it took! From then on fishing dominated my life, causing hundreds of sleepless nights, many lost financial opportunities, which I cheerfully passed up if they might possibly interfere with my fishing, plus that host of minor annoyances which true fanatics of any sport fall heir to.

I have never regretted it.

From pond fishing, Artie and I graduated to saltwater and we certainly gave the Canarsie and Sheepshead Bay snappers, yearling mackerel, and lafayettes a hard time for several summers. But it was the party boat fleets in these two ports which fascinated me. Just to watch those boats return with fishermen weighted-down with sea bass, porgies, fluke, or whatever, was enough to set me to trembling. By hook or crook, I told Artie, some day I was going to get aboard one of those boats.

This was my dream and it actually possessed me as none other in my lifetime.

Little did I know how well it would be fulfilled, even to the extent of occasionally skippering a party boat while I was not yet eighteen. I believe now that if I had been aware of how far that dream would take me in the bottom fishing game, I would have become frightened at what knowledge I had need for in order to succeed. As much as I loved fishing, I think I would have had

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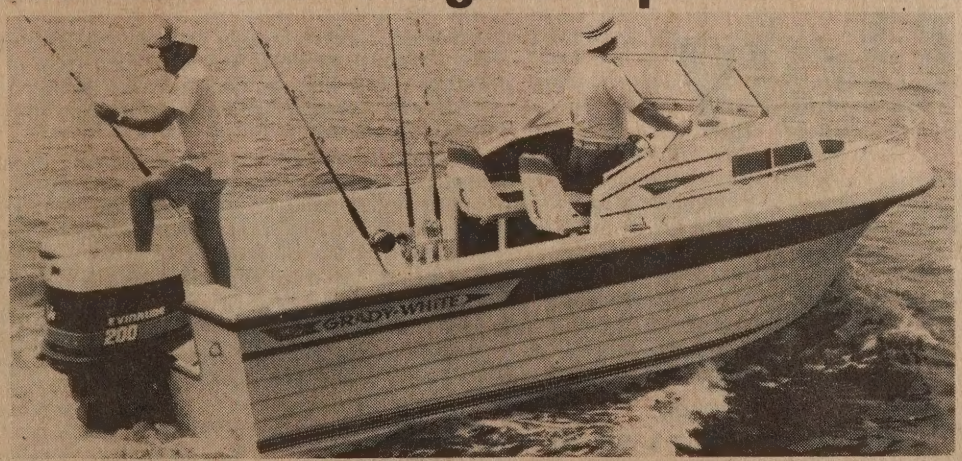

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Long Island Fishing Piers

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—Part Five—
The ROBERT MOSES PIERS

by Robert J. Kurtz

How to get there (Car): Take the Robert Moses Causeway over all three bridges; park in field nearest to the tower (but west of it).

Bus Service: From Memorial through Labor Day weekends buses travel to this park. Call the MSBA at 516-222-1000 for information.

NOTE: As of 1979, a $2 toll which includes parking is collected. The parking fields tend to fill early especially on those hot days in the summer, so get there early. The walk here is the longest of the piers I have covered. Figure on five to fifteen minutes with the gear to be carried.

Pier Setup: Four L-shaped piers which are constructed into Fire Island Inlet.

Bait and Tackle: Open from Memorial through Labor Day weekends. Bait available at the Captree Piers from about March 1-December 15.

Refreshments and Rest Rooms: Refreshments are available in the summer months. Rest Rooms available year-round.

Fishing: Tackle—while a 6'-7' rod, light to medium reel with 8-10 lb. test line will work best most of the time, a larger outfit may be necessary at certain times of the year when greater control of a species may be needed (e.g., blackfish).

Bi-monthly schedule: See Jones Beach Fishing Piers.

January-February: Prepare tackle.

March-April: Usually flounder fishing begins later at these piers and lasts longer into spring since the fish leaving the bay on their migration pass by these piers on the way out.

Weakfish—the first hook and line weaks should be taken near the end of April. Lures tipped with squid, or rigs fished off the bottom should prove effective.

Striped bass—once again the piers are not the prime place for bass. If you're intent on this species, it pays to walk the beach to Democrat Point which lies to the west.

May-June: This is the time of the year when the number of species which are available increases rapidly. These months are considered the spring peak.

Flounder—the winter flounder will usually be caught in this area later into the spring. As a matter of fact, some very fast action can occur well into June if factors such as water temperatures remain cool. Clam bait tends to take larger fish as the season progresses.

Fluke—sand eels are a great bait and "match the hatch" especially in recent years, unfortunately there is quite a healthy crab population which may preclude the use of this bait, so remember there's an alternative: a live killy and small float to keep the hook off the bottom. NOTE: DON'T FORGET THE NET!

Weakfish—May is the peak of the run. Use moving bait and/or lures near the bottom or still bait on a high rig off the bottom.

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Bluefish—Occasional sporadic attacks of these fighters can occur at any time; although early morning and dusk are considered best.

Striped Bass—again early morning and at dusk are best especially if artificials such as plugs are being employed. If you're fortunate enough to have live bait such as bunker, your odds will be greatly improved!

Blackfish—any small ones caught (4''-8'') make excellent striper bait. Those above 11'' or about a pound are easily cleaned and make great eating. Try boiling them in cheese cloth and make blackfish salad; you'll be pleasantly surprised. In the spring, blackfish will often take soft baits such as clams; presence of bergalls may dictate against use of soft baits, however. The best pier for blackfish and it seems, most species, is the one closest to the bridge. The reason for this is not readily apparent, but the bottom configuration (rubble, mussel beds, etc.) may explain it.

Other species: blowfish, any pier, any sort bait, long shanked hook; sea bass—try pier closest to the bridge. A high-low rig is usually employed. Most sea bass caught here will be small and should be released unharmed. It should go without saying, but any organism—fish, crab or otherwise, should be returned unharmed if unwanted. These creatures have been around for a long time and from the reports of the great catches of years long gone, apparently we're doing something wrong! No doubt there are a lot of reasons we can think of for the decline in fish stocks, but wanton disregard and destruction of various species of marine life because it ''steals'' our bait or looks dangerous is unwarranted, unnecessary and foolish. We'll pay for it in the long run: enough said.

July-August: The action at most piers in midsummer is usually below the spring and fall peaks, but good action can be had occasionally. Remember to use any small fish such as snappers and blackfish as bait using the livelining technique.

Species available during the summer are generally the same as the spring except that the weakfish will usually be far and few between. Kingfish, another member of the croaker family, usually come into the inlet in these months. Abundance of this species can vary greatly from year to year. Remember that they are bottom feeders, so make sure your line's on the bottom; employ small hooks. A #4 or #4 beak hook works well. Best baits are squid, shrimp, worms and clams. Pound for pound, these fish put up an admirable fight and are a delight to eat.

September-October: Yep! You guessed it—the fall peak. Fire Island Inlet can come alive at any time! Remember the variety of baits, terminal rigs and, of course, the good old net. Don't forget livelining for the big ones.

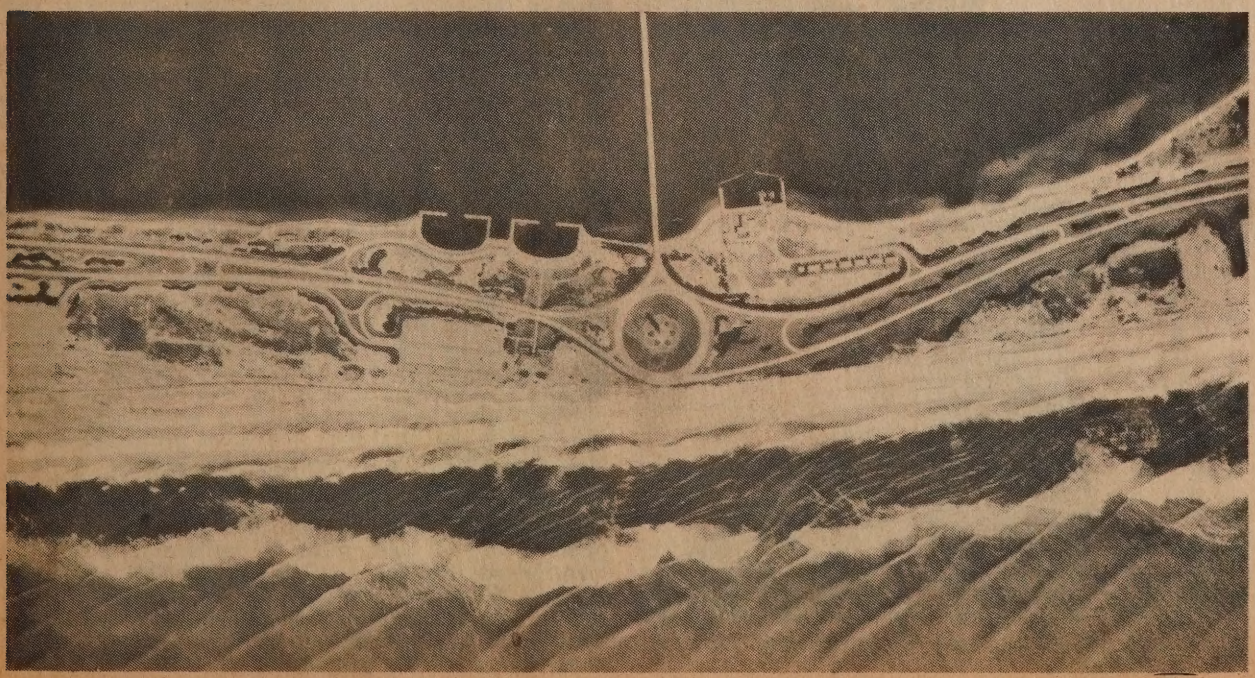
November-December: Alas! All good things must come to an end and with the shortening of the days the action begins to wind down rapidly. A stray striper is still a possibility, but the winter flounder becomes the center of attraction.

CONCLUSIONS

The above information is provided as a guide to the facilities mentioned. This article does not include every bait or technique. That would require a book, or a series of booklets. Fortunately, these exist! The ''How To'' booklets in The Long Island Fisherman series are a great help especially for the beginner and the reader is referred to these publications. Remember to consult The Long Island Fisherman and newspaper columns for up-to-date information as the season progresses.

There are two important items to keep in mind regarding the use of facilities at the state parks: only park in designated areas; and the parks are open from sunrise to sunset—the use of the park after dark for the purpose of fishing requires a permit which can be obtained from the New York State Parks Department at Jones Beach. For details on permits, call 516-785-1600.

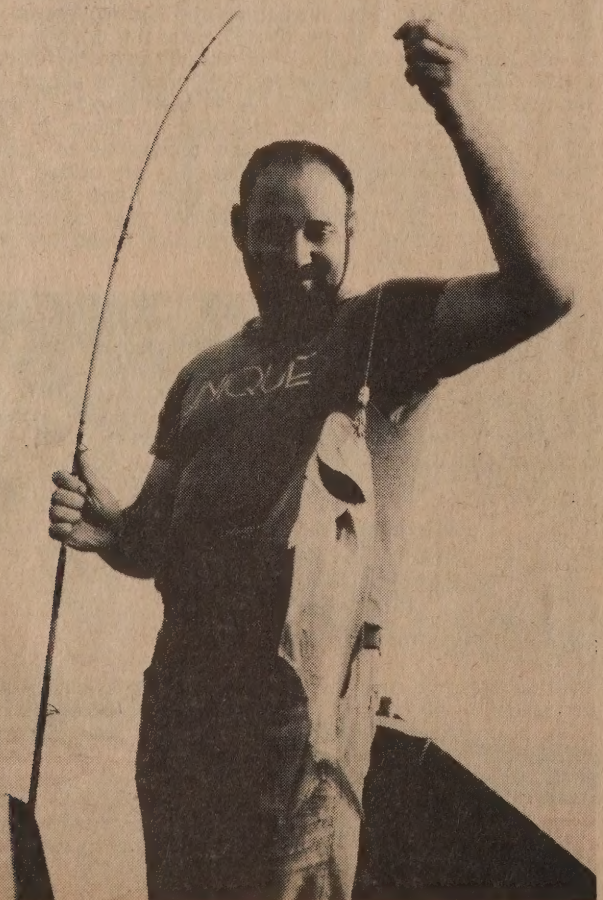
As one may have noticed, if you don't have a car your ability to use the state facilities is quite limited. Bus service is available to Jones Beach and Robert Moses Park during the summer months, but leaves many of the best fishing months out. If the demand for extra service is made known to the bus companies, extra service may be made available. The New York Sportfishing Council is working toward this goal. A committee has been established to study this problem and will try to influence the bus companies to: expand their schedules (e.g., more stops at Captree), reroute runs and publicize their schedules and routes. Those of us who cannot visit by car should have the opportunity to fish these **state** facilities. The council can only do so much. The need for extra runs, etc., must be shown to the bus companies in order to justify their efforts. If you want better service, you're going to have to do something about it. Write to the companies to show them that a demand exists. If the runs are added, for heaven's sake, ride the lines to let them know that you support their efforts. Remember, that your continued ridership will be what counts if improved schedules are to be continued. Good fishing to all.



Boat Rental Blues

by Gerald Hahn

Almost every angler will tell you there is nothing more exciting than casting artificials for predators from a small boat. Private boat owners are to be envied because they can go out at the most productive times, periods of low light and cooler water temperatures. From around 3AM to 6AM or 7PM to 10PM, when midsummer bluefish are feeding heavily, lures will catch fish even on the surface. But boat renting anglers must restrict their fishing to daytime hours when predators are least likely to be caught. Most fishing stations open at 5AM or 6AM and by the time everything is set up and the likely fishing spot reached, the sun has already taken its toll and thinned out the fish. Evening hours are off-limits, as well, because the skiff must be returned by 4PM or 5PM. Consequently, most boat renting fishermen wind up bottom fishing--season after season--for such species as flounders, fluke, porgies, and blackfish, with little opportunity to use lures. Of course, they can go out on an open boat or a charter for predators, but those are different kinds of fishing and skiff renters prefer to make their own decisions.



Carl Catania admires his blue taken on a bucktail.

Nevertheless, there are some opportunities for the small boat angler who is willing to combine several kinds of fishing in a day. For example, every summer, three and four pound bluefish spread out all along Long Island Sound. Unlike their larger relatives in the fall, ten pound monsters that feed on mossbunker and eel baits, smaller blues prefer artificials: metal lures, tube lures, bucktails. If you play the tides right on the Sound, a few hours can be spent casting for blues and in the interim, going for fluke or porgies.

Select a day in July, for example, when a tidal change will occur a little after you arrive at the fishing spot. At Port Jefferson where I fish at times, the station opens between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. On a weekday it will not be crowded, but even so, it takes twenty to thirty minutes to get everything in order before starting the 6 h.p. motor. After that, I add on the thirty to forty minutes it takes, depending on wind and water conditions, to move out through the harbor and inlet and from there, southeast to buoy 11, about a mile offshore. Therefore, a good day to fish here is one with a tidal change between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Although the sun will be up by then, the water and air will still be relatively cool and with the forthcoming tidal change, I can fish for blues for about two and a half hours before the action stops. Another tidal change will occur six and a half hours after the first, which gives me a second crack at them, although the morning run is usually the best.

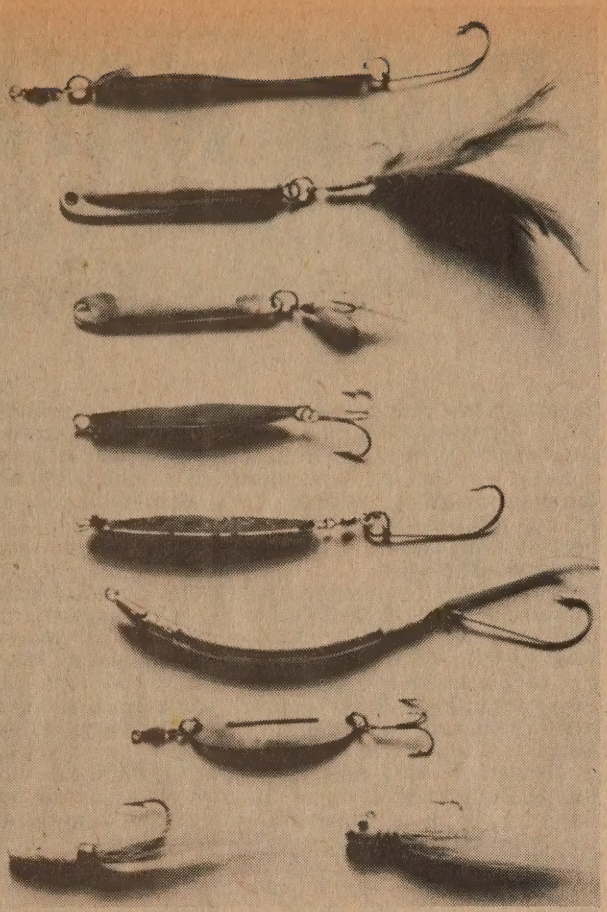
Many fishermen here like to troll surgical tubing for blues, but I am not fond of umbrella rigs because the equipment is so heavy, it overpowers the fish; it reminds me of spreader bars for flounders. Nonetheless, it is highly effective and for those interested in this kind of fishing, an umbrella rig consists of two stiff wires about twenty inches long, joined in the shape of a cross. The wires are held together at right angles by a built-in lead weight in the center. The weight has two eyes, one for connecting to the main line above and the other for a snap swivel below, to which a large tube lure is attached. The simplest rig, a coathanger, has only one wire with the center weight and handles no more than three lures. Most umbrellas, however, can take five or nine lures. The wires have loops for connecting these lures made of Limerick hooks covered with latex tubing. The hooks are open ring types with long, bent shanks and kirbed points, and come with a barrel swivel. Some people slip the lure directly onto the wire harness, but a short leader of around forty pound test between the wire and swivel gives the lure more action. With the largest lube in the center and four or eight smaller ones around it, the rig resembles a school of small baitfish being chased by a larger one, which motivates a blue to strike. The tubes come in a variety of colors, but the most popular in this area are red and green, which can be mixed or not. A conventional trolling rod and reel filled with wire or lead core line is essential to working an umbrella rig deep. Several hundred feet of wire must be let out and the boat manuevered at a very slow speed, varying the length of line and speed until the right depth is found. It is an expensive investment, considering the cost of a decent trolling rod and reel, as well as the wire line, but you must have all the right equipment to make it work.

I prefer to cast for blues with light tackle from a drifting boat. I bring along two rods, a light six foot spinner with a Garcia Mitchell 324 filled with ten pound test monofilament and an eight foot spinning rod with an Olympic 200 and fifteen pound test. A comparable sized gear can be used. The larger rod is for casting slightly heavier lures in a rough sea or for blues over five pounds, should they appear. On the small rod, I tie a one to a one and a half ounce lure directly to the line with an improved clinch knot. If I plan to try several lures, a snap swivel tied with the same knot, facilitates changes. Metal lures are good starters: Hopkins, Kastmaster, a small diamond jig, or any type that resembles a sand eel. I do not use a flexible wire leader or even a heavy shocker because they inhibit the lure's action and slow down its descent to the bottom. As a result, a few lures may be lost, but there will be more hits with light mono. Upon my arrival, I check the direction of the drift in relation to the buoy, move upcurrent, and cut the engine. Depth recorders and the like are not critical here because the fish inevitably congregate in the vicinity of the buoy and short drifts all around it can be made until the blues are located.

I make casts ahead of the drifting direction in an arc from around ten o'clock to two o'clock, which allows the lure to sink rapidly. Casts should not be made to the starting area of a drift because the lure will ride too high and cannot be manipulated well. As soon as it hits the bottom, I retrieve the lure at a fast clip while whipping the rod constantly. This creates the illusion of a crippled bait, favorite bluefish prey. Some days, flocks of terns can be seen in the area and if they begin to shriek and dive, it could be a signal that baitfish are being forced to the surface by the bluefish. However, this is more likely to occur at dawn before I arrived. Just in case, it is worth trying a few casts closer to the surface, by engaging the reel just before the lure hits the water and cranking it immediately. When metal does not produce, I switch to a one ounce, white leadhead bucktail with a squid teaser. The squid should be cut into a half inch by three inch pennant shape, similar to the kind used for fluke or weakfish, and impaled on the hook once near the wide end. This lure should be fished deep, retrieving it a little slower than metal and with sudden pauses, as well as an up-and-down motion with the rod. On the pause and downstroke, the lure flutters and the squid undulates before it nose-dives to the bottom; on the upstroke, it resembles a baitfish rising out of its hiding place. It is one of the best designed lures for deep running blues.

It is also possible to jig artificials while drifting. Conventional gear, however, is better for working the lure back and forth off the bottom. In free-spool, the lure drops back faster than when manipulating the bail of a spinning reel. In either case, however, the lure will descend faster if the rod tip is aimed at the line's point of entry into the water. As soon as the lure hits bottom, reel in fast about ten revolutions, then drop it back to the bottom and repeat. On the third try, reel in all the way and start over.

Another blue taken on a diamond jig.



Metal lures and bucktails like these will take small bluefish.

Blues can be taken at all levels and distances from the boat. Because the lure is moving rapidly, there is no mistake when a blue hits it, as happens sometimes when working with natural baits. You will suddenly feel a solid jolt, especially with light tackle, and it may be impossible to crank the reel at first. This is why the drag should always be set under the breaking point of the line. The bluefish will run with the lure and take line without breaking off. After the first or second surge, you will probably see it moving like a silvery flashlight just under the surface. As the fish is brought closer, however, it may suddenly dive underneath the boat and immerse your rod tip in the water. Be prepared for the fish to dash out, momentarily, and thrash its head violently on the surface. Keep the line tight and the blue in the water, then get ready with a large landing net. Small nets are useless because the fish moves too quickly and erratically. Furthermore, it is not wise to lift the fish out of the water with light line and no leader.

Once the action stops at Port Jefferson, I have two choices--going for fluke off Mount Misery Shoals to the south or for porgies at Old Field Point to the west. Fluke are usually caught about two to three hundred yards from shore, drifting with sand eels or spearing and squid between a prominent red mansion on a high bluff and the shoal area that extends from the east jetty at the inlet to the northeast. Large humpback porgies can be taken by anchoring about four hundred yards north of the bell buoy, 11-A, at Old Field Point, using cracked mussels for chum and clams or worms for bait. This kind of fishing, however, is usually best just before and slightly after a tidal change. Bay sized porgies are

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BLUE WATER FISHING

by Pete Barrett

Part One—Tackle, Electronics, Boats

There are few sights on earth that compare to a white marlin crashing a surface bait and the tail-walks, greyhounding leaps and acrobatics that follow a solid hook-up. Few fish in the ocean can compare to the tunas for sheer power, speed and endurance. Several days of aching muscles cannot dim the accomplishment of beating a big yellowfin nor the bright colors of these streamlined beauties.

The lure and lore of fishing the offshore blue water captures the imagination of more and more anglers each year—and with good cause. The more distant waters offer solitude from the hordes of inshore boaters, the chance to catch truly large fish to test your stamina and fishing abilities to their maximum, and a crack at some of the most exciting big game fish to be found in the world.

Probably more fishermen don't get in on this fishing because they think the only place to fish for these big boys is at the series of troughs and canyons at the edge of the Continental Shelf commonly and collectively called the "Canyon." It's true the Canyons are great fishing areas, yet many of the fish we will be talking about in this series of offshore articles are readily caught much closer to the beach. White marlin regularly show up along the fifteen fathom curve only ten to fifteen miles off Shinnecock Inlet and along the edge of the Mud Hole off the New York Bight. Yellowfin tuna often follow a warm plug of water to within thirty miles of the Jersey coast at places like the Resor Wreck and 28-Mile Wreck off Atlantic City. Giant bluefin can be caught at the BA buoy. Smaller tunas like the skipjacks, false albacore and bonito offer excellent sport on light tackle. The opportunities are there; you simply have to find them!

In this first part we'll take a look at the tackle, equipment and boats needed to successfully tackle the blue water species.

TACKLE:

Rods and reels are classified under IGFA regulations by the pound test of the lines used. At the light end of the tackle selection are the 12 and 20 lb. class outfits; in the middle are the 30 and 50 lb. classes, and at the heavy end we have the 80 and 130 lb. class rods and reels. Unless you are experienced, 12 lb. class is stunt fishing for most of the offshore fish with the exception of the smaller tunas like skipjack. Trolling these speedsters on light gear can be fantastic.

The most often used tackle will be based on a selection of twenty, thirty and fifty pound outfits. Although twenty is a little light for larger tuna, it can be used for school yellowfins and the bluefins up to fifty pounds and are perfect for marlin. The thirty and fifty pound class tackle are ideal as general purpose rods and reels. The eighty and one hundred thirty pound class tackle is saved for only the giant bluefin tuna fisherman.

I usually head offshore equipped with pairs of twenty, thirty and fifty pound outfits and begin trolling with the two heavier sets. If we get into small stuff like small tuna, whites or skipjack, the fifties are replaced with the twenty pound rods for maximum sport. I always start with the heavier gear and then switch later. An experience of a friend of mine is a good example why. Stories of whites at the HA buoy sent him offshore rigged with four twenty pound outfits. Instead of whites he found tuna up to 100 lbs. or more. He caught two, but lost many others and had three reels totally emptied of line! He now brings both heavy and light gear no matter where he fishes offshore.

The ideal offshore reel is the lever drag type like the Fin-Nor, Gladiator and Penn International, but they are also expensive. The lever drag allows the angler to pre-set his drag for maximum, strike and trolling positions. Even after the lever is moved to change a drag setting, the original setting can be returned by a simple movement of the lever.

Most of us use star drag reels because of the lower expense. Daiwa, Shimano, Newell, Penn and Ambassadeur all make excellent reels that can be used effectively for offshore fish. It is important to keep drag washers dry since the asbestos compounds used for the drag washers become sticky and cause a jerky drag when wet or damp. Drags should be set on a reasonably accurate hand scale at twenty-five percent of the line's breaking strength.

IGFA regulations say a rod must have at least a tip length of forty inches and the butt cannot exceed twenty-seven inches. That gives the angler plenty of room to move in when designing a rod. Most tackle shops and custom rod crafters build rods or sell rods from factory designated classes, yet there is a trend among some anglers to use rods a bit longer than the traditional short, relatively stiff IGFA classes. The longer rods are easier on the angler and while some think the long rods tire a fish more quickly, others disagree. I lean towards the slightly longer rods because I do think they beat a fish faster and since I fish from a center console boat, I like the added length for maneuvering a fish around bow rails and outboard engines.

Rods must be equipped with a good set of roller line guides or the new ceramic style high frame guides sold by Fuji. If you use rollers, keep them absolutely clean and well lubed with a silicone spray or Teflon spray. A stuck roller may heat up so fast it will burn the line.

LINES:

There are two obvious choices for line: one is monofilament, the other is Dacron. Both have pros and cons, supporters and detractors. Dacron doesn't stretch, making it easy to plant a large hook firmly into a tough-jawed fish. It is also easy to double lines or join two lengths of line with a simple but extremely strong splice; yet Dacron seems to lose a lot of strength if nicked or abraided. Mono stretches like a rubber band, considered a safety factor by some anglers, but Bimini knots to construct double lines are difficult for some anglers to tie correctly and quickly.

My preference is for Dacron on the fifty and eighty pound class tackle and monofilament on the lighter thirty, twenty and twelve pound tackle.

Whichever line you decide to use, it is important to add a double line at the end of the main fishing line. With Dacron you can use a splicing needle and pull the line back through itself to quickly build a double line. With mono you need to tie a Bimini twist. also known as

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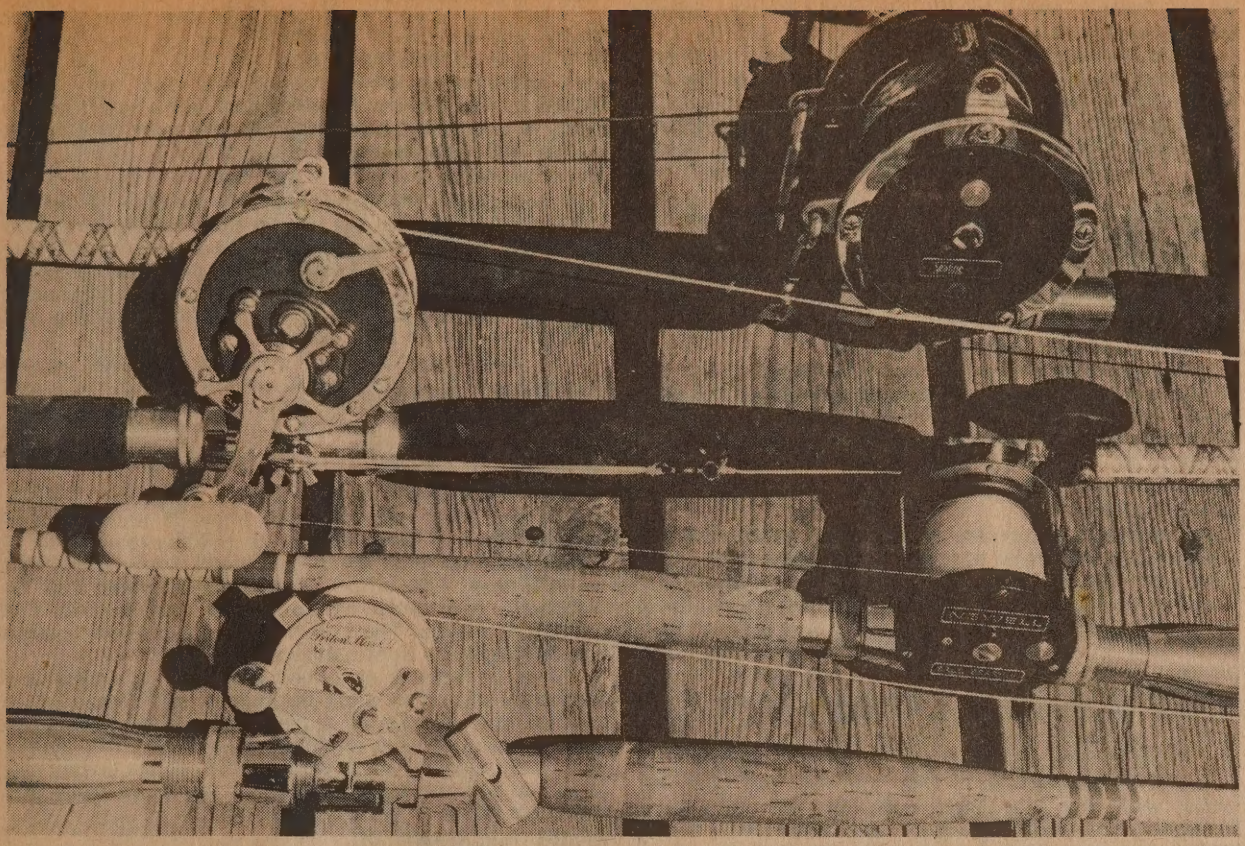

Top to bottom: Typical offshore tackle. Daiwa 900H for 80 lb. class,Penn 114H for 50, Newell 334 for 30 lb. and Shimano Triton for 20 lb.

Author's Mako center console is fully equipped with Loran, temperature gauge, graph recorder, compass and VHF radio. 124 gallon fuel capacity assures plenty of fuel for safety.

a twenty-times-around knot. Beware of the Spider Hitch which doesn't seem to be as strong under intense fishing conditions as the Bimini.

The double line cannot exceed thirty feet in length, including the knot and snap swivel attached at the end of the double line. The snap swivel is attached with an offshore knot. Check out the knots in the Sosin/Kreh "Practical Fishing Knots" or the IGFA "1980 Record Book" for complete descriptions of how to tie these knots.

Leaders, either single strand wire, braided wire or mono, should range from ten to fifteen feet. Some anglers like the shorter leaders and, therefore, use thirty feet of double line ahead of the leader, while others use a fifteen foot leader and then shorten the double line to twenty-five feet. The length of leader and double line cannot exceed forty feet by IGFA rules.

A good quality ball bearing snap swivel at the end of the double line makes changing baits and leaders easy. The Sampo is good and so is the Berkeley McMahon scissors-type snap. A fast shot of Teflon lube or spray oil like WD-40 keeps the swivel part like new even after much use.

OTHER GEAR:

Some accessory equipment is needed to handle the fish and to allow the angler to fish comfortably. Gimbal belts keep you from becoming a soprano while fighting a fish standing up toe-to-toe. A shoulder harness is helpful to ease aching arm and back muscles when slugging it out for a long time on a big fish. There are times when fifteen minutes with a good fish can feel like an hour or more without the harness. I use a simple canvas-backed harness; others like the nylon or leather type. Adjust it so it is reasonably close to correct size when you slip it on.

A long-handled gaff, like the Reliable Gaff six footer with the four inch hook, is a must. Some fishermen like even longer gaffs and also carry a flying gaff in case they hook into a really big fish that could not be handled with a standard, one-piece gaff.

A small tackle box with an assortment of snaps and swivels, leader coils, crimps, pliers, and trolling lures is helpful. I also pre-splice double lines and pack them in envelopes marked with the length and pound test of the line. It has happened that the line was cut by an inexperienced angler not getting the rod tip around the line, or by a second fish hitting the line ahead of the first fish cutting him off. In a minute or two I can be re-rigged with a new double line with the splicing needle.

You may need a selection of rigging needles if you will be fishing baits, a very sharp fillet knife, a de-boner and a selection of soft wire or rubber bands to adjust baits when rigging a fresh bait (more of this later).

BOATS:

Depending on who you talk to, there is a wide range of opinions on what is a good offshore boat. We all can't afford big Bertrams and Hatteras cruisers, so we have to step down a little and run what we have. Ideal size ranges are from twenty-two to thirty-two feet for most of us, but more important than the length of the boat is the fuel capacity and the engines. A thirty-two footer that burns twelve gallons an hour and has only a fifty gallon tank is a dangerous offshore boat; yet a twenty-three foot center console like my Mako with 124 gallons capacity burning eight gallons per hour is much safer. The thirty-two footer would not have enough reserve fuel to ride out bad weather.

Weather must be a prime consideration when choosing a boat. A thirty-two footer is going to take much more in the way of bad seas than I can with the Mako, so I have to choose my offshore days carefully—it can be a long ride home hanging on to the steering wheel soaked with spray.

Offshore accidents happen no matter what the size of the boat, and are most often the result of not being careful about the weather and checking with the weather service before leaving the dock.

Absolutely **verbotin!** is carrying gasoline in jerry cans. Invest in factory-offered gas bladders or Coast Guard approved tanks.

Keep in mind that all the glamour fishing is not always at the Canyon. There's no way you would get me to run one hundred miles offshore in my rig, yet I feel very comfortable fishing up to fifty and sixty miles offshore. Keeping in radio contact with other nearby boats is important no matter what size your craft is just in case you need assistance.

ELECTRONICS:

A trio of electronics gear is very helpful to fishing offshore. A Loran will put you on exact fishing spots and when you get fish and record the Loran coordinates, you can then return to that spot over and over again. It is far more accurate than eyeballing it or running inaccurate compass courses. Loran is very helpful in getting you back to the Inlet in bad weather.

A graph recorder can be helpful to check bottom contours and to show feeding levels of fish. Although most of your strikes will come on the surface, some offshore trollers are learning that deep running skirted lures like the Sevenstrand Deep Clones are taking good catches.

A temperature gauge is very important. Tuna, marlin and other game fish can often be found only in small pockets of warm water, or thin narrow banks of warm water currents along our coast. Many times fish will lie along the edges of the warm water and by watching the temp readout you can zigzag the temperature edge. The Loran will pinpoint your location when you get the right temperature.

A VHF radio is absolutely required for safety and companionship. You must be able to call ashore or to another boat in case of a mechanical breakdown. The offshore solitude is a welcome change from the hustle and bustle of daily office work; yet it can be comforting to talk to another fisherman only a few miles away and compared notes on the day's fishing.

MORE INFORMATION:

Several excellent books are available at book stores or through Salt Water Sportsman, 10 High St., Boston. Each goes into further detail on rigging and offshore fishing methods. Frank Moss covered a lot in his "Successful Ocean Game Fishing," published by International Marine Publishers, Camden, Maine. "McClane's Standard Fishing Encyclopedia" has a wealth of good info, published by Holt, Reinhart and Winston. The "1980 World Record Game Fishes," by the International Game Fish Association, 3000 East Las Olas Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. covers all the rules and records, plus has plenty of background information on tackle, rigging and fishing.

We've covered the basics about rigging for offshore blue water fishing. Next week we'll take a look at rigging baits, trolling lures and how to set out a trolling pattern.

BOAT RENTAL BLUES

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caught on any running tide closer to shore or at the entrance to the inlet.

In the afternoon I can return to the bluefishing area and cast for a few more hours around the next tidal change, although this will be slower because of the mid-day heat. Because blues are erratic creatures, here as in most places, several trips may be necessary before you encounter a very active day. Although there are less fishing stations on the north shore than on the south, boats can be rented out of Huntington, Kings Park, Port Jefferson, Mount Sinai, and Orient Point. Each area will have one or two well-known bluefishing spots, as well as several for bottom fishing.

I find that spending part of the day casting artificials instead of a whole day with bait, is a rewarding experience. I look at it this way--if I can catch twenty fluke in the two to four pound class in a day, I would gladly give up ten of them for blues of comparable weight, taken on artificials.

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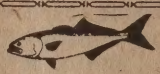

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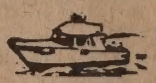

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Henry Columbi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** reported that the offshore action has really picked up and should provide a great tournament this weekend. Last week Henry said that about 15 mako sharks have been weighed in at Montauk's sportfishing headquarters. Largest of the week was taken by Steve Babitz on the "Reel Nuts", a 285 pounder. Steve scored with a smaller mako the following day. Steve Daradoff of Huntington fished on Capt. Eddie Friedman's boat "Eddie's Mink" on Saturday and bagged 2 mako sharks of 263 and 169 lbs. Ronnie Goldberg on the "Bar Bar Jack" went to the Canyon and trolled up some yellowfin tuna that ranged up to 40 lbs. Henry said that several swordfish and quite a few white marlin were spotted over the holiday weekend but the fish were all still a little skittish and wouldn't touch the bait. The inshore fishing has been relatively poor however, with fluke fishing the best bet. Al on the "Friendship" took 20 big fluke at the Pocketbook Grounds on Sunday, and Lou Rosado on the boat "daiwa" also scored with a mess of doormat fluke in the same area. Bluefishing can only be described as poor locally, but those sailing to Block Island are getting decent catches. Porgy fishing has been good. Henry said that the best area for mako sharks seems to be in 200' of water 160 degrees from the Point.

Capt. Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** said that fishing under the Lighthouse and in the Montauk Rips on the holiday weekend produced excellent porgy catches for some. High hook on Saturday was Marvin

Al Barone and Tony Romano with Montauk's first hook and line swordfish. The 389 lb. broadbill was taken on a Canyon trip aboard Captain Gene Kelly's "Hustler III."

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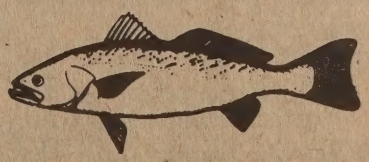

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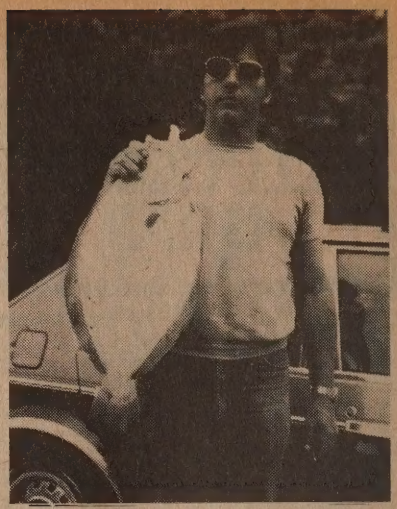

Nick Matzkie displays a 9¼ lb. fluke, part of a catch of 18 from 4 lbs. up, made aboard Lou Rosado's "Daiwa." Catch was made in the North Rips on outgoing water. Photo courtesy of Star Island Marina.

Baer of Montauk with 41. On Sunday Irv Garner bagged 40 fish. Both anglers had many jumbos included in their catch.

Capt. Gene Kelly of the **Hustler III** has taken Montauk's first rod and reel swordfish for the second year in a row. Al Barone hooked up and landed a 389 lb. broadbill that took him 5 hours to bring to gaff on a 80 lb. outfit. The Capt. said the swordfish took a bait fished at night with a Cyalume Lightstick fished 75' down. The overnight charter also bagged 5 yellowfin tuna trolling Konaheads. Gene said that he fished in 35 fathoms of water on Sunday and lost 2 mako sharks when one chafed the line and the hook pulled on the other. Gene said that the inshore bluefishing has been a disappointment.

Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** called to say that the codfishing at Cox's Ledge is once again

These 5 stripers from 23 to 28 lbs. being displayed by Sam Rispoli were trolled aboard the charter boat "Windy" on Big Danny swimmers.

Joe Bowman of Ridgewood with a 275 pound mako caught on the Adios out of Montauk on Sunday, July 6th.

Super. The fish are running 6 to 12 lbs. average. Saturday there were 8 fish caught between 30 and 40 lbs. On Sunday there were 6 fish caught between 30 and 40 lbs. The night bluefishing Thursday, Friday and Saturday night was just fantastic, said Capt. Paul with bluefish off Block Island running 12 plus lbs. The fluking has been fair as has the porgy action. The fluking has been in the Rips and porgies have been doing their thing off Pocketbook and off the Lighthouse. The results of last week's two day Safari trip saw super codfish catches with fish going up to 50 lbs., super pollack catches of torpedoes up to 28 lbs. and sacks full of tile fish up to 40 lbs. A swordfish was on but lost during the night. There were super quantities of fish caught on this trip. The next two day Safari will be coming up in the fall. Watch these pages carefully and be sure to book early if you want to get in on one of these dynamite trips. Capt. Forsberg asked up to inform you that the Viking ticket office which is at the Viking dock is now open 24 hrs. a day and tickets for any of the trips can be purchased at any time.

Capt. Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** called to say that his charters did well last week on giant blues off Block Island in 125' of water. He'll be sailing in the Montauk Captain's Association Charity Shark Tournament this Saturday and Sunday. Other open dates are available. See ad for details.

Capt. Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** reports that bluefishing has been fair around the Point. Mr. and Mrs. Caumstock of Danbury caught 55 bluefish, 2 weakfish and 1 porgy off Block Island this past week. Blues have been more consistent. Sunday's charter had a 275 lb. mako shark.

Charter boat **Julie III** with Capt. Ron Grandinetti and charter led by Gene Lee on Friday working Great Eastern and the Elbow boated 250 porgies from 1 to 4 lbs., 3 sea bass and 8 macks. Saturday's charter for Freddy Johnson of NYC and group from the Transit Authority bagged up with over 300 porgies from 1 to 3½ lbs. 35 Bostons on clam all at Great Eastern.

Capt. Wayne King of the charter boat **King Wayne** had lots of mackerel Friday fishing just east of the Rips at the Point on mackerel trees. Saturday's charter for Buddy Miles and friends boated loads of big porgies up to 2½ lbs. and flounder to 3½. Buddy also took the pool. Fishing was south of the Light. Sunday's charter had 2 blue shark, 2 brown shark and a 125 lb. mako all in the wind.

Capt. Frank of the charter boat **Free Spirit** called to say that mako shark seem to be all over the place. Frank also says that they seem to be the largest now that they have been all season. He had 3 on the weekend that weighed 125, 150 and 175 lbs. The 125 pound fish was taken on 50 lb. tackle in a 2 hr. scrap. Saturday's sharking was good and they also came across acres of big bluefish at Cartwright. Frank says his dates are closing out fast, so book now if interested. See ad for details.

The first mako of the 1980 season at Montauk was this 174 lber. taken by Eugene Barrett (right) aboard the charter boat "Montauk" handled by Captain Mark Maros.

John Hill of The Bronx hefts a 6¾ lb. sea bass which he took on clam bait at Pocketbook Ledge. Photo courtesy of Gone Fishing Marina.

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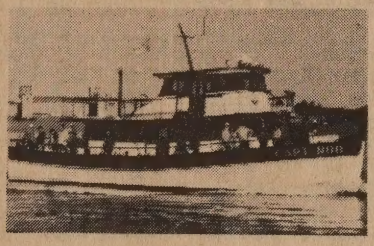

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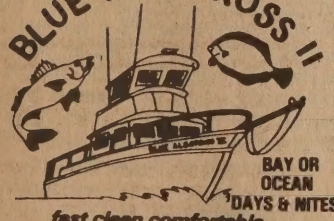

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Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** reported Sunday's gusty winds kept fishing activity down on the final day of the Fourth of July weekend. Fluke fishing on Saturday, however, was worthwhile for Ken Pribil, his wife Lorette and his father Ed. The trio showed Thom a catch of six good sized flatfish which they took off of the Green lawns in Shinnecock Bay. Good action with blues and weaks in the 2-4 lb. class for boatmen casting tins and popping plugs off of Sebonac. Most of the action is in the evening hours on the ebb tide. Porgies all over Peconic Bay on squid, clams and worms.

The **Capt. Clark II** tells of excellent porgy fishing in Peconic Bay. On Sunday Capt. Clark Jr. loaded up with full pails for all fares. Ray Challita of Queens was high hook with 57 porgies from 1 to 2 lbs. Bob Kurtz of Long Beach had next highest catch with 42 porgies. During the early part of the week there was fair action with a summer run of weakfish along with some kingfish and an occasional blackfish. Capt. Clark Bellows feels that the weaks and kings will increase in activity as the water warms up in the Bay.

HAMPTON BAYS

Mickey at **Corr's Mariners Cove** reported very good fluke action on Saturday. A lot of nice fish mixed in with the many shorts at East Channel. Fish are being taken on both tides, with the hot combination being sand eels or killies. Mickey has seen a number of five and six pound fluke taken this past week. Sunday's fog and wind forced Mickey to keep everyone at dockside.

Jeff at **Westhampton Marine Supplies** tells us that Archie Jost on his boat Sea Hunter had 6 yellowfin tuna fishing off Montauk over the weekend, fish from 60 to 125 lbs. on green and orange jelly bellies. Stripers in Moriches Inlet on live eels at night with an incoming tide. These fish are running 20 to 60 lbs. and they are being had in good numbers says Jeff. A 6 lb. fluke fell to a squid/sandeel combo on the bay side of the Inlet on Friday.

MORICHES BAY

Bill at **East Moriches Bait and Tackle** reported flounder fishing still holding up at buoys 38, 39, 29 and 42. Good fluke fishing near the Inlet, with a lot of throwbacks but quite a few nice sized fish mixed in. A lot of bluefish south of the inlet in 110' of water and a couple more makos taken during the week from 120' to 180' of water. Bill relayed word that the first couple of white marlin were

Dave Roys and Bob Steen with 15 nice fluke taken at buoy 39 on spearing and squid combos. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

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hooked but dropped over the weekend at the 40 fathom line.

Ramona at **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** called to say that because of bad weather, fishing was not as good as it could have been on the weekend. However during the week Charlie Kukenes and partner from Queens Village brought in a good size fluke. Louie and Paul Schrader of Baldwin had a bucket of flounder up to 1¾ lbs. Flounder were caught off the radio shack and fluke from buoy 36 to 42.

Jim at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** says that flounder action has been very good from buoy 41 to 36 with bloodworms working best on the last of incoming. Al Barbieri, Eddie Schester and Jim Johnson disposed of 96 flounder at buoy 41. Fluke improved with the best fishing being near buoys 43 and 44 on the ebb and by the Coast Guard Station on the flood. Jim Gleason and Bob Phlato of Brooklyn boated 17 keeper fluke and threw back 10 shorties. There biggest was 4¾ lb. Sandeels and squid did the job in the area was just south of buoy 43. The blueclaw crabs are starting out with active appetites.

Roger, Dave, Conrad and Mike with a trio of nice stripers and a total catch of 63 weakfish, blues and sea porgies, all taken on diamond jigs aboard the charter boat "Vivienne."

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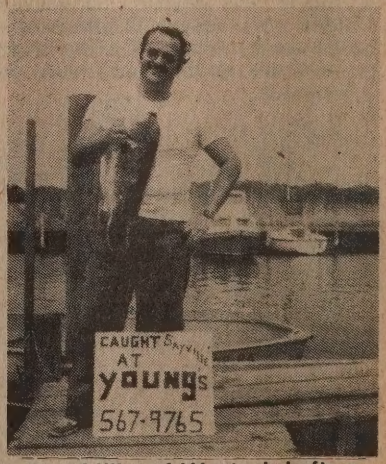
Gary at **Stiritz Fishing Station** says the blueclaw crabs are now in full swing with the best fishing being from buoy 17 to the Bridge on rings and in traps, catches of up to a solid bushel per boat. Fluke up to 5 lbs. are being taken from buoy 17 to 23 with lots of short fish thrown in. This is on squid, sandeels and spearing. Blues are also being taken from the rock pile at Smith Point Bridge to buoy 21 in the 3 to 5 lb. range. Solid catches of blowfish at buoy 19 from medium to large. Some boats are getting from 50 to 60 of these delicious little scrappers that have been a great scarcity in recent years.

SAYVILLE

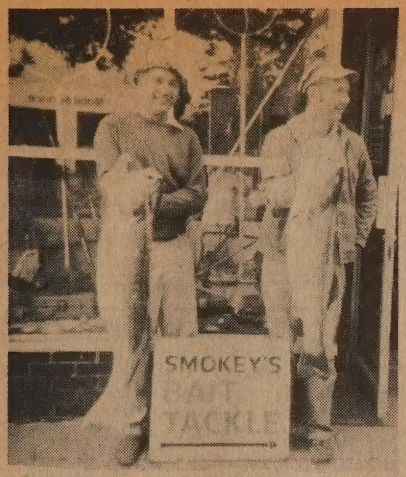
Jerry Lee of **Young's Fishing Station** reported good fluke action from Point O'Woods to Ocean Beach on sand eels, spearing and killies. Some small weaks on squid strips in the same area. Jerry lamented that Sunday's strong winds put the lid on the remainder of the weekend's fishing.

WEST SAYVILLE

From the **South Bay Fishing Station**, Jim told us that both blues and weaks in the 2-5 lb. class are being taken from Point O'Woods to buoys 29 and 30. Fluke have



Sam Miller of Wantagh hefts a 7 lb. blackfish which took a worm bait at buoy 13A, Ocean Beach. Sam rented a skiff from Young's Fishing Station in Sayville.



Al Randazzo and Bob McReynolds display bass of 27½ and 17 lbs. They were taken in Fire Island Inlet and weighed at Smokey's Bait and Tackle.

improved in size and some respectble fish are now mixed in with the numerous shorts. Most boats have been returning with a mixed bag of weaks, blues and fluke. Squid and sand eel combos take the fluke, while squid strips have been accounting for the blues and weaks. John Benson managed 12 weakfish in the 3-5 lb. class on Sunday, fishing towards the mainland side. Plenty of blue claw crabs now in the area, according to Jim.

OAKDALE

Rod DiGiacomo of the **J&R Sport Shop** was pleased to report that he had the honor of putting away Long Island's first rod and reel swordfish last Tuesday during an overnight trip to the Canyon. The 100 lb. broadbill hit a custom rigged squid fished below a Cyalume light stick. Another swordfish was dropped during the night and a pair of big yellowfins were put away on the return trip. Fishing was done aboard Jim Finnegan's Prime Cut. Jim is the proprietor of the Saxon Arms Restaurant in Oakdale where swordfish steaks are the current special. Tracy Kratz of Oakdale, 10 years old, stopped by to weigh in a 3¾ lb. fluke which she took in West Channel. It was part of a catch of 14 fluke, 1 weak and 1 sea bass made by Tracy and her family. For freshwater fans, John Osborne took advantage of the Fourth of July holiday to bag a 6½ lb. largemouth bass on a night crawler at the head of the Peconic River.

BAY SHORE

At **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** Linda told us of good fluke action in Snake Hill Channel and from the Coast Guard station to the Inlet on sand eel and squid combos. Blues roaming the inlet area from the wreck buoy to the head buoy. They

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are being trolled on red and white umbrella rigs and wire line. An occasional bass at the R.M. bridge on clam bellies and eels. A good body of blues south of Patchogue for both jiggers and trollers. Pete Sindone and Andy Scibelli, aboard the Serena II had 3 blues to 5 lbs. on Jelly Worms at buoy 7 Saturday. Sunday's strong winds kept the fishing activity to a minimum on the last day of the long weekend.

Capt. Neil of the **Casey Lee** says that fluking has been excellent most days, with catches averaging 4 to 8 keepers a man on spearing, sandeels and squid. Best has been the last of the flood and the first of the ebb. Action has been in West Channel, Snake Hill Channel and at Sexton Island. The skipper says that the new leader in the free fishing for life contest is Bob Bonner with a 5 lb. 2 oz. fluke. The captain's mom and dad had 18 fluke between them Friday and 17 keepers between them on Sunday. Capt. Neil says as proof of his devotion to his parents he only charged them half-fare for the trips.

Doctor Bohner of the Bayshore Tuna Club called to say that Sal Sciarrino on his new 35' Seahawk made his regular maiden voyage to Hudson Canyon Saturday and had 3 yellowfin tuna, 36½ lb., 99 lb. and 106 lb. Aboard were Dr. Bohner, Joe Abruzzo, Mark and Rudy Teshar.

CAPTREE

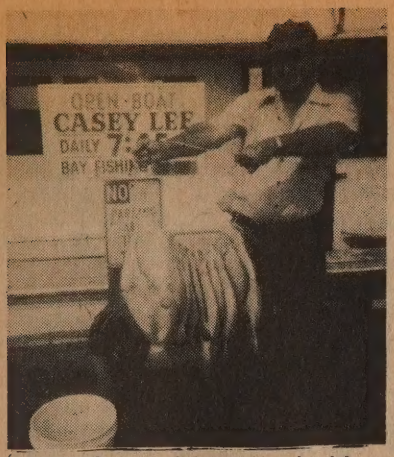
Bobby at the **Captree Bait Station** weighed in a couple of decent fish over the Fourth of July weekend. Robert Grastataro had an 8.2 lb. blackfish from the Fishermen's Walk. It took a sand worm bait. Chris Connors checked in a 4½ lb. fluke, which he decked aboard the open boat "Jib VI." Bob called the fluke fishing in general fair. He said there are still plenty of throwbacks, but also some nice fish mixed in.

The open boat **Captain Rod** said that fluking over the Fourth of July weekend was tough due to poor drifting conditions. Despite near gale winds on Sunday, the skipper managed to fare better than on Saturday. A lot of shorts being taken but enough decent sized fish to keep everyone happy.

Captain Marty of the **Jib Fleet** reported that Sal Scafuri of Lynbrook have a 5½ lb. pool fish one day last week. The Captain described the fluke fishing as fair on most days, but slow over the weekend due to all of the wind.

The open boat **Captain Whitaker** relayed word of decent fluke fishing in the Fire Island area. A lot of small fluke being taken, but some medium sized ones always managed to find their way into anglers' bags. Largest flattie taken over the weekend was a 4½ lber. Best baits have been sand eel or killie and fluke belly combos.

The newest addition to the Captree fleet, the **Captain Bob Joseph**,



Peter Quinn of Brentwood with 13 fine fluke up to 4½ lbs. which he took aboard the Bay Shore open boat "Casey Lee."

made its maiden voyage on the Fourth of July. Lorie Kennedy, daughter of Captain Charlie Kennedy had the honor of christening the new craft when she decked a bluefish of about 8 lbs. Young Jodi Joseph, the youngest of the Joseph clan, was not to be outdone. She put away an 8 lb. weakfish on the same trip. Action in general over the weekend was a little tough as the fish never really seemed to settle down in one spot. Highlight of the weekend was a 60' whale which breached alongside the vessel, giving all aboard quite a show.

Capt. Dan Juttner of the **Capt. Joseph II** reports that most of the week the day's catches were 150 bluefish per trip. Sunday was slow due to the high winds. On the fluke trip, Rich Miller bagged a 6 lb. 2 oz. fluke which got the Sunday pool. Terry Marshall caught one on the same trip which was nearly 6 lbs.

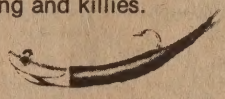
Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** says there were good catches of bluefish at the Mud Hole Friday. Monday, Tuesday and Friday the areas off Patchogue produced solid catches of bluefish also. Wednesday was spotty. Saturday night resulted in 61 blues and Sunday's trip saw 40 choppers bouncing on the deck. Catches are erratic as the fish are still moving around and settling in. They are running 6 to 14 lbs. and are being taken on jigs, sinker rigs fished on the bottom and on chunk bait drifted out with a piece of shot. "The Season is off to a good start" says the skipper. Smaller fish were taken east of the Whisler up to Jone's Tower. George asked us to call to your attention that his twice daily bluefish trips sail at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. every day. This would make the **Capt. Scotty** the first bluefish boat out every morning and evening trip.

Charter boat **Lady Ann** reports fluking fair to excellent depending on wind and tide conditions. Fish are scattered throughout the bay with sandeels and spearing working best on mixed fish up to 5 lbs. Blues are still spotty, slow one day, fair the next, but catches should solidify pretty soon.

Capt. Sam of the charterboat **Eleanor** on a shark trip over the weekend, had a 75 lb. mako. Five blue sharks were tagged and released. In addition to that, there were 7 runoffs of big shark that made good there escape efforts.

BABYLON

Fred at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** reported a fine pair of yellowfin tuna boated by Joe Carrion and Tom Freund. The 49 and 48 lb. fish were taken at the Canyon on Friday aboard the Irish Faker III on Augie's custom rigged Kona Heads. Also on Friday, Henry Barral aboard the Proud Mary had a 149 lb. yellowfin (gutted) in 150' of water southeast of Fire Island Inlet. The big tuna stumbled across a bait being fed out into a chum slick meant for sharks. Lots of blues along the beach and at the Whistle buoy according to Fred, and fluke fishing remains good at West Channel, Snake Hill Channel and in the inlet area on sand eels, spearing and killies.



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FLUKE

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Lon Wanser's Bait and Tackle said that they have been enjoying some excellent fluke fishing in many different spots throughout their area. Friday and Saturday witnessed some exceptional fluking on the east side of Massapequa Cove. Squaw Island, West Island, Goose Creek, Black Bank and Florence Beach have all been providing good action. Most of the fish are being taken on sand eel and squid combos. Joe Merino fished one afternoon late last week at Squaw Island and returned with fluke of 4½ and 8 lbs. Still some flounder at the 2nd and 3rd bridges, weaks at the same bridges on worms at night and bluefish south of the Cholera on diamond jigs. A couple of bass in the teens being picked by clam chummers and crabs starting to get a foothold in the area.

Pop's Fishing Station reports that good catches were made during the week right through Sunday though Sunday's strong winds put catches down considerably. On Wednesday a 9 lb. 6 oz. weak and 8 fluke to 3½

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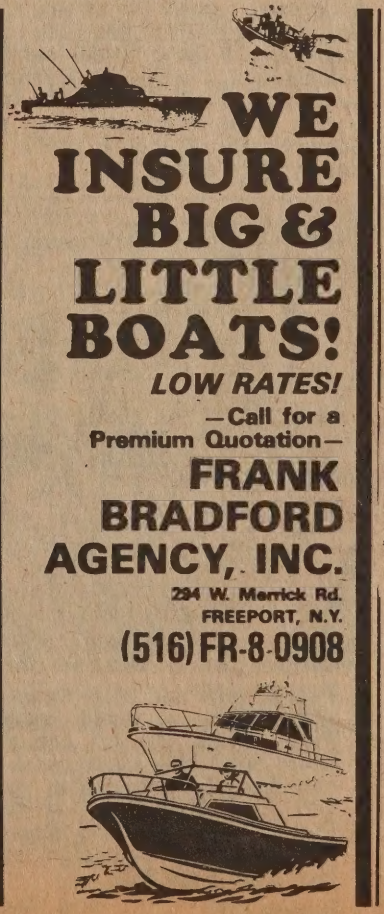

lbs. were landed by Frank Fennimore and Mike Donno of East Meadow. This was all on fluke rigs with spinners and white feathers with sandeels on the hook, taken at Four Corners. Dave Hazen, Louis Macea and Bill Wohnsigl on Saturday took 5 fluke to 5½ lbs. fishing buoys 13 and 14 just south of Four Corners with killie/squid combos. Gary, Lucy and Ray Rizzi along with Tony Vaz of Greenpoint, Brooklyn, accounted for 12 fluke up to 3¾ lbs. fishing on both sides of the Wantagh Bridge on spearing/sandeel combos.

Bob's Fishing Station says that the weekend was off due to the fog and wind but that Monday through Friday a few large fluke were caught up to 3½ lbs. at Four Corners at the Dredge on killies, sandeels, spearing and fluke belly.

MERRICK

The Singing Dog at **Merrick Tackle** provides the information that there are bluefish being caught in the Bay evenings and mornings best on bunker chunks or butterfish drifted around the Meadowbrook Bridge, Haunt's Creek and in the State Channel. These are gorilla-gators from 10 to 19 lbs.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** tells us that Bill McCarthy had 5 fluke in Reynold's Channel off the H.S. on Friday up to 3 lbs. on killie/squid combo. Friday saw Steve Spatenga and Dad boat 16 small blues and 8 good sized weakfish outside Debb's on red tubed umbrellas on the flood. Fluking has been pretty good in Middle Bay and Scow Creek. Blueclaw crabs are improving on a daily basis.

Paul Kramer and Scott Stasiewicz display a recent catch made during the 3rd annual Great South Bay jumbo weakfish contest co-sponsored by The First National Bank of East Islip and the Long Island State Park Commission at Heckscher State Park.

WEST END SOUTH SHORE

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FREEPORT

Lou's Fishing Station (formally Charvin Fishing Station) reports that in the 5th Annual Charvin Open Shark Tournament, sponsored by **Lou's Fishing Station** on Saturday, 84 boats were entered and started out on a beautiful morning. A surprize pea soup fog hit later in the day. A total of 13 shark including 6 makos were weighed in for the tournament. At 4 p.m. a 132 lb. mako was put on the scale. At 5:58 p.m., just two minutes before the tournament officially ended, a 140 lb. 8 oz. mako was weighed in and won the $7,875.00 first prize. This was on Capt. Art Feidler's boat Blue Waters, out of Wantagh. On the rod was Felix Gauchi. In addition on the local scene, bluefish are being jigged but the fish are still a little picky. There has been a lot of action on fluke but with an awful lot of throwbacks.

Freeport Boatmen's Association reports that the charterboat **Barbara Ann** had a 200 lb. mako 10' from the boat while fishing in Saturday's Charvin Tournament but that the beast broke loose. If caught this fish probably would have taken the jackpot. Blues were jigged well at the Mud Hole during the week and the FBA fleet expects the bluefishing to settle down to some steady and productive jigging and baiting once we get a few days of stable weather.

Capt. Richie of the **Starstream II**, reports that he has had good bluefishing right up to the weekend. The fish are definitely there, and Richie has been fishing the Highlands and the channels and to the east on occasion and has been marking lots of fish. Stopping on a school, jigs would be lowered and some fish taken, but then the fish move and it's a matter of picking the school up again. Once they settle down a little, with the assistance of some calming weather, a good solid daily catch of bluefish is expected. The skipper emphasizes that there are a lot of bluefish around, so make room in the freezer.

Capt. Sy Karlin of the **Bluefin Fleet** says that on his July 4th special offshore shark trip (by reservation only) on the **Bluefin II**, they fished SE of the HA. There were many women anglers aboard with Capt. Ed Gyer at the wheel, besides getting bluefish, they had 2 makos and a dusky. The mako went 156

Ms. Nancy Phillips and Ms. Helena Richards with a pile of blues to 12 lbs. taken on S&G umbrellas off of Sandy Hook aboard the charterboat "Kim."

lbs. and was weighed in at Lou's Fishing Station. The fish was caught by Debbie Rhein. The fish was caught just minutes before the end of the trip. The cardboard box that contained the herring bait for the day had been thrown in the water. The shark came up out of the depths and grabbed the box. Co-Capt. Tony DiLernia hastily rigged a herring bait to a 30 lb. test outfit, tossed the herring near the shark and handed the rod to Debbie. The shark then engulfed the herring and the fight was on. In ten minutes that beast was brought to gaff. Capt. Karlin says there will be future special shark trips by reservation only and to watch his ad in L.I.F. The other mako for the day fell to Jon Gottesman of Bayside, a slightly smaller mako. On Saturday's trip on the **III** Capt. Sy had a good weakfish catch at the channels west of Jone's, fish up to 6 lbs. on diamond jigs. Sunday's lousy weather hampered good fishing for that day.

Capt. Hank Lundy of the charter boat **Sea Bee** had a charter for 4 students from Bellmore Kennedy H.S.: Tony Pagliaro, Pat Kirby and brother John and Dave Russell. They fought a mako shark for 1½ hrs. in 120' of water. The shark died and had to be hand-lined off the bottom. About 20' from the top the cable broke and the fish was lost. Later on they landed a 30 lb. mako as well as a mess of bluefish. This was 150 degrees out of Jone's.

Thursday saw Dave and Maurice Mahler of the charter boat **The Rogue** load up with small bluefish, 1 to 2 pounders taken on Tri-Fin lures in Jone's Inlet in 35' of water. Sunday's charter lead by Willis Feid had a large fluke and some sea bass drifting Swift Creek, Long Creek and Jone's Inlet.

The **Capt. Gary** called to say that Saturday's charter for C Gordon saw Tom Gordon bag a 5¾ lb. fluke. Young Tim Chaney also bagged 2 keeper fluke.

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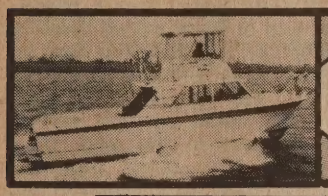

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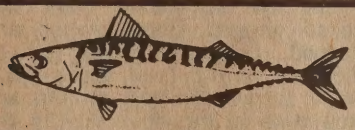

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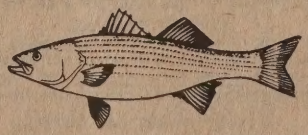

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reported good bluefishing southwest of the inlet in 75' of water. Captain Video had 10 choppers from 7 to 10 lbs. on umbrella rigs in this area Saturday. Smaller blues are found in close along the beach. Fair fluke fishing in Reynolds Channel on sand eel and squid combos, as well as killies. Flatfish run from shorts on up to the 9 lber. Andy weighed in late last week. Good blackfishing at the T Wreck and Rota Wreck and fantastic flounder fishing at the mouth of Swift Creek on blood and sand worms.

Tom at **Long Beach Sports Marina** reported lots of fluke being taken at the Cedarhurst Yacht Club and at Duck Point. A lot of good sized fish making up the catches now, with sand eel and squid combos favored by most anglers in the area. Tom said that all their boats were out over the Fourth of July weekend and all returned with fish.

Charter boat **Marie III** reports that Friday's charter fished SW of the HA and had a slow day, with a few bluefish up to 16 lbs. and a 60 lb. brown shark which was tagged and released. The boat returned to the Inlet at 7:15 that night. Saturday's charter fished SE of the HA in a pea soup fog and took a mako which is being mounted by Fish Unlimited Taxidery for Jim Canavan of Lynbrook. They also had a whale swimming around the boat and spouting for about 45 minutes which gave everybody a good show. Then another 60 lb. brown shark was hooked, tagged, photographed and released. Sunday's group got 13 miles out of the Inlet when Capt. Dennis turned the boat around and came back to the dock due to the fearsom sea conditions.

ISLAND PARK

From **Beckman's Tackle Shop**, Charlie spoke of so-so fluke fishing with eighty percent of the summer flatties still under the 14'' minimum size limit. Sand eels and squid combos have been providing the best action. Fair bluefishing from 40' to 80' of water for umbrella rig trollers. Chummers do well beyond the 80' depths. Choppers have been running anywhere from 2-10 lbs.

ATLANTIC BEACH

From **Skippy's Tackle Shop** we received word of small bluefish being taken outside of the inlet by trollers. A few yellowfin tuna trolled offshore over the weekend. First offshore activity other than sharks. Flounder amazingly enough still holding their own, while fluke fishermen have been having a tough go of it, with lots of small fish being taken.

Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** called to say that he's been having good bluefishing and weakfishing in the buoy 4 area, Colera and around Jone's Inlet. The

blues are running 8 and 9 lbs. The weakfish are also averaging in the 8 and 9 lb. category and these sportsters are being taken on umbrellas.

JAMAICA BAY

Canarsie Sports and Fishing Tackle reports that off the Canarsie Pier a few fluke, some small snappers and a lot of sand shark and some small porgies are being taken. Some blackfish on crab bait at the Marine Parkway Bridge. The Coney Island flats are holding a lot of short fluke this past week.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Captain Butch on the **Zephyr** reported good fluke fishing during the week in Sandy Hook Bay. Catches ranged from 10 to 20 fish per person, fish weighing up to 3 lbs. Over the weekend, the boat drift off of Jersey beaches such as Sunshine Beach, Long Branch Pier and Seabright Coast Guard Station. Fluke from 2-5 lbs. took squid, spearing and some sand eel bait.

The **Flamingo III** fished the stretch of beach from Monmouth to Alberon over the weekend. Most fish were in the 2-3 lb. range with fish of 5 lbs. taking the pool. Squid and sand eels were the baits used. The boat will be switching to bluefishing on Wednesday, July 9, sailing at 6:30 a.m. daily. There will also be some night bluefishing trips on Friday and Saturday; sailing time 7PM.

Capt. Tom Farrell of the charter boat **Dad's Dream** on Friday's charter for D. Vega of Brooklyn had fluke at Sandy Hook up to 5½ lbs. on 6 lb. test. They then proceeded to the area of the Breezy Point Jetty where weakfish were diamond jigged to the tune of fish to 8½ lbs. Mr. Vega was high hook for the day.

Capt. Kevin of the **Dorothy B** reports very good fluke catches being made by his fares along the Jersey shore, averaging 8 fluke a man. Friday's high hook was 22 keepers. Ninety percent of the fish are over 14'' and fish are averaging

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Capt. Tom of the **Pilot II** reports that he is having super blackfish catches along the Jersey coast and that even this is on the upswing. Fish are running up to 5 lbs. and falling for fiddler crabs. The **Pilot II**' is also running afternoon fluke and bluefish trips on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. This appears to be a good alternative to a all night trip for those who must work the next day.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** described the fluking as generally good in all the usual fluke spots. Weakfish and small blues being taken on red and green tubes by trollers in Great Kills Harbor and Princess Bay. Bigger choppers being taken outside.

Michael Ajello on Tuesday fished the HA on his 22' Aquasport and bagged a 300 lb. mako, after the creature made 5 big jumps. The fish was gaffed by his brother Joe and Lou DiPalo. Mike is going to have a full body mount done on this fish.

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GREENPORT

Anna Mae Rainis of the charterboat **Blue Albatross** called to tell us that Tony Vaccaro and John Cunin of Brookhaven were the anglers Sunday fishing SE of Shinnecock Inlet in 185' of water. They landed a 225 lb. mako aboard the private boat Bimini Bum. This fish won the interclub shark tournament for the weekend and was weighed in at Al Lassen's Hi-Way Marina.

Capt. George Porter of the **Brand X** reports that porgies were good Friday and Saturday but things slowed on Sunday due to the strong winds. Fares are also catching a few weakfish off of Gardiner's Island.

A.P. White Bait Shop reports that Pat Thomkins and three friends from Huntington boated 40 fluke at Truman's Beach Saturday on sandeel/squid combos. There are still a few weakfish off Deering Point and good bluefishing at dawn and dusk at Jessup's Beach. Blacks are fairly good along the Sound shore on clam, worms or fiddlers, while porgy fishing is making a good showing on clam and worm bait.

Capt. Bob of the **Peconic Star** reports porgy catches in the 70s to 80s per man during the week fishing in the bay and on occasional runs over to New London. These fish are mediums to jumbos.

Saturday's porgy trip saw catches of 30 to 40 porgies a man despite the unfavorable weather conditions. These fish were taken at Gardiner's and ran mostly mediums with a few 3 pounders thrown in.

SOUTHOLD

Ace at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** tells of nice porgy catches at buoys 16 and 17 on clam, fish of mixed sizes in the 50' channel. Some weakfish have been caught this past week at buoy 17 in the 2 to 3 lb. range. A 9 lb. 8 oz. fluke was picked up between buoys 16 and 17. Weakfish have also been caught off Hay Beach Point off Shelter Island. On the south side porgies are IN and in quantities, good areas being Mulford Point to Petty's Bight at Orient Station. Blackfish at the rocks at Orient Point along with flounder. Fluke from Orient Station to Petty's Bight up to 6 and 7 pounders this past week, on squid and sandeels. Fluke off the Ruins at Gardiner's for private boats. Fishing two days straight this past week, one angler had 10 fluke up to 10 lbs. one day and 8 big flatties the following day off the Ruins. Some stripers in the Sluiceway on bucktail, but picky.

NEW SUFFOLK

Newt Robbins at **Capt. Jim's Fishing Station** tells of a good week and weekend of fishing action despite the weather. Weaks from 1½ to 3½ lbs. along with mixed sized porgies from hand-size to a pound were caught in good numbers at buoy 23, Rose's Grove, Nassau

Michael, a regular aboard the open boat "Peconic Star" displays a big humpback porgy for the camera.

Point and buoy 18. Both tides produced, but always in deep water. Clam and worm did the trick. Squid has also been very good on the weakfish.

SAG HARBOR

Capt. Artie of the **Wilhelric** says the porgy catches have been up and down this past week. Fish are being caught in their normal areas and on some days are better than other depending on fishing conditions. The skipper says the porgy season is shaping up to be a good one and the fish are readily hitting clam or worm. Sizes are mixed from the smallest to the biggest kind of porgies. Action is at Cedar Point and Gardiner's Island. Friday on one drift at Cedar Point Artie says that all the rods bent over double and 2 to 3 lb. fish with a lot of double headers were taken on that super drift.

Chris at **Bayview Fishing Station** tells of bluefish being diamond jigged at Mashomok, fish 2 to 3 lbs. Porgies at buoys 4 and 3 outside Cedar Point, fish averaging 1 lb. A few weaks and blues off the Monastery at Noyac in the 5 to 6 lb. class, plus 3 lb. blues on jelly worms and diamond jigs. Fluke at the Ruins and Cedar Point from 3 to 5 lbs. Fish are between the Ruins and Gardiner's and at the Rip off Cedar Point on sand eels, squid or bucktail tipped with squid and jigs.

NOYAC

Helen of **Noyac Marina** reports the Toalsdorf Brothers, Carlton of Noyac and James of Williston Park fished Friday and Saturday for porgies. They had 24 on Friday and 17 on Saturday up to 1½ lbs. using squid for bait while they chummed with corn. Porgies are your best bet. There are spotty catches of weaks and blues.

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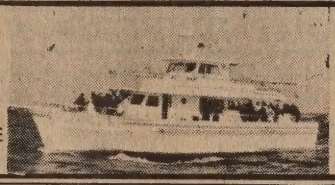

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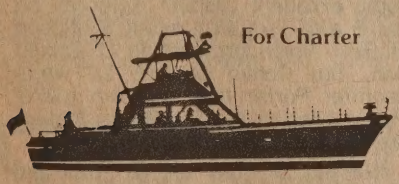

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NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

★ BEST BET ★ PORGIES

ROCKY POINT

At the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, Tom told of porgies and blackfish along the beaches for casters. Boatmen do well with blacks at the pipeline, while porgies have been providing good action at buoys 11 and 9. A few fluke starting to show at buoys 9 and 7. Bluefishing in the area has been worthwhile, with jiggers and trollers taking fish at buoys 9 and 11. Bigger choppers out at the Middle Grounds.

SELDEN

Kenny at **Angler's Den** was out Sunday night at Mt. Misery Shoal and had blues from 3 to 5½ lbs. and weakfish up to 8½ lbs., working buoy 11 outside Port Jeff Harbor. These fish were taken on Tri-Fin sandeels and also on drifted sand worm. A 14 lb. 2 oz. weak was brought to gaff by James Markey Jr. of Port Jeff, the fish falling to a sand worm Thursday at White Beach. Tony DiNoto and crew boated 7 weaks from 6 to 9 lbs. Tuesday night on sand worm. There are bluefish off the Northport Stacks, 6 miles to be precise and also good bluefish activity off Mt. Misery. Two to 4 lb. fluke have been caught this past week between Shoreham and Mt. Sinai Harbor. Be advised that this Friday is the deadline for entering the Angler's Den all Island Weakfish Tournament, with big cash prizes. The tournament is this weekend. Get in touch with Angler's Den in Selden at once if you are interested in signing up for this tournament.

MT. SINAI HBR.

Ralph's Fishing Station informs us that Friday and Saturday saw lots of porgies caught up to 2 lbs., but averaging ¾ to 1 lb. The best area was Rocky Point on clam and worm baits on both tides. Plenty of porgies says Ralph, from 50 to 100 per rental skiff. Some weakfish up to 12 lbs. have been taken inside buoy 11 between Mt. Sinai and Port Jeff on floated jelly worms and sand worms. Some bluefishing has become more alive with fish now ranging from 5 to 8 lbs. being taken on umbrellas and on jigged artificials.

PORT JEFFERSON

Tim at **Caraftis Fishing Station** tells us that bluefish catches have been good for boats working NW of Crane's Neck in 80 to 90' of water. Fish are in the 4 to 6 lb. class being taken on trolled umbrellas and on diamond jigs. A few blues at buoy 11 are falling to jigs. Porgy catches have been good off Old Field Point and Crane Neck Point, fish averaging a pound with some specimen going up to 2 lbs. Some keeper fluke off Mt. Misery Point and Flax Pond, but a lot of shorts. These fish are running 2 to 5 lbs. Some stripers being caught at all the points for casters whipping out blueback 5½" floating Rebels and also for those choicing to float sand worms. These bass are nice schoolies in the 8 to 12 lb. range but there are lots of short fish also. Jim Katsaros and Manny Ragyros had 8 stripers on cast Rebels, they released two rats and they also had 3 blues from 3 to 5 lbs. at Old Field at the top of incoming.

KINGS PARK

O.K. Bait & Tackle tells us that Sal and Paul Bruno boated 18 blues from 4 to 6 lbs. on diamond jigs fishing in 100' of water north of the mouth of the river. Candice Maloey took 45 white perch and some striped bass up to 5½ lbs. fishing worms off the Power Plant. Porgies and blackfish have been fair at Callahan's and Sunken Meadow. Seymour Belkin of Commack and Oakley Wood both had good sized bluefish on July 4th diamond jigging in the Sound.

NORTHPORT

Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods Shop** spoke of plenty of blues up to 8 lbs. being taken in mid-Sound on wire line and umbrella rigs and also by diamond jiggers. Small blues in the 1-2 lb. class for boatmen casting tin and plugs. Lots of small porgies inside the Bay with bigger fish being found out in the Sound in 40-45' of water. A chum pot is a big asset for the latter area. Tom also noted a showing of fluke at Eatons Neck. Most of these early fish are being taken on sand eels and squid combos.

HUNTINGTON

The **Ever Ready** called to report some excellent fishing Saturday on the 8 a.m. run with Mark Schligsen of East Northport boating 25 mixed fish. Stu Cohen bagged 28 while Jennifer Porter had 16. Ann Marie Porter bagged 18. The Porter Sisters are from East Northport.

George at **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** relayed word of a good body of blues one mile north of the Lilco loading platform. Most of the choppers are in the 3-6 lb. range, with an occasional 7 or 8 lber. They are being taken on both umbrella rigs and diamond jigs. Sand worms fished on high-low rigs have been the ticket for good catches of small weaks and porgies inside of Northport Bay in Cold Spring Harbor. Weaks run 2-4 lbs., while most of the porgies are in the 1/2 to 3/4 lb. range.

From **Ronnie's Bait and Tackle Shop** we learned that Frank Paccione and his son Mike diamond jigged three weakfish from 8-9 lbs. at Eatons Neck on Thursday. Saturday evening, Richie Bilanski put away a 28 lb. striper on an umbrella rig at

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Eatons Neck. Ronnie told of decent action with small weaks and porgies at Sand City on sand worms. Some bass in the teens being worm trolled off of Marshall Field and Whitewood Point. Boatmen have been enjoying good bluefish action north of the Lilco loading platform. The choppers are being both jigged and trolled.

GLEN COVE

Capt. Joe Finkey of the **Lady Lil II** reports that he is now switching to porgies and they are just fantastic. Most fares know how to fish so there's no problem. Fish are meduims to jumbos with a few flounder mixed in.

From the **Glen Cove Sports Shop,** John spoke of weakfish in the 3-4 lb. class being trolled off of Matinecock Point. Some small blues around according to John, but no big concentration of fish as of yet. A few blackfish continue to be taken in the area on fiddler crabs and green crabs.

NORTH SHORE WEST END

★ BEST BET ★ WEAKS

CITY ISLAND

Capt. Pete Anderson of the **North Star** says he is having super excellent porgy fishing now with some of his passengers taking catches in the 80s each. Sunday's high hook as an example was a round 80 porgies. SUPER fishing says Capt. Pete so come on down right now and bag up.

Greg at **City Island Bait and Tackle** reports small porgies and some blacks to 5 lbs. being taken at No Nations and Execution Light. Good action with stripers for worm trollers working in the vicinity of Hart's Island. The bass have been running anywhere from shorts on up to 12 lbs.

SURF REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

With summer's doldrum period fast approaching, the local surf scene can best be described as inconsistent. Casters on both shores have been having a tough go of it with just enough action around to keep the die-hards interested.

It may be worth noting that once the blues and weaks establish themselves in the Sound last year, north shore surfmen enjoyed plenty of action through much of the summer. Many fish starved anglers are anxiously hoping for a repeat of the '79 fishing.

Once again, reports were tough to come by. It appears that the dearth of fish is taking it's toll on many of the clan who have been turned off by too many fishless days and nights. Nobody said surf fishing was easy!

This is the way things shaped up around the island this past week:

SOUTH SHORE

From **Santo's Sport Shop** in Staten Island, Lenny reported the local surf very slow with a few school bass being taken on small bucktails, Kastmasters and Rebels at Penny Beach and Cliff St. Weakfish provided a little action in the back of Great Kills Harbor on small tins in the early a.m. and evenings. Some of the weaks go to 10 lbs.

At **Skippy's Bait Shop** in East Rockaway we were told that some big stripers are being taken on bait from the Rockaway and Atlantic Beach jetties. Kenny Hedjunick and his partner Vinnie put away 3 fine stripers on the 4th of July. The trio of fish went 28.8, 27.12 and 16 lbs. All three were taken on bunker from one of the Atlantic Beach jetties. On a later trip a 22 lb. bass was taken from the same rock pile.

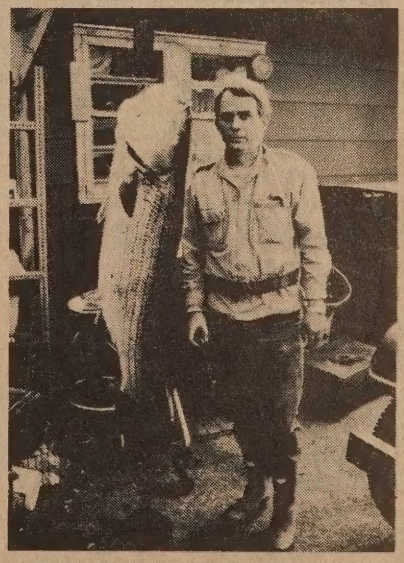
Charlie Beckmann told me from his Island Park Tackle Shop that the surf in his area has been dead as far as he knows.

Lon Wanser said that a couple of regular customers continue to bring back some nice weakfish. Lon says the fish are being taken from the Fire Island surf on sandworms. He also knew of an occasional weak being taken on sandworms at West End.

From **The Store** at Oak Beach, Hays told me that casters continue to take small blues on tin in the early a.m. Weakfish have been showing in good numbers at the Thumb and those working Tri-Fin Whiptails down deep have been doing a good job on the fish. No bass news from the area this week. Great South Bay Anglers Club member Marty Beer had a few blues in the 3 to 4 lb. class from the Thumb Thursday morning. He took the choppers on diamond jigs. The fish were at the end of the cast and difficult to reach, unlike the day before when one caster had 15 blues

In Shinnecock, Thom at **Speck's Tackle Shop** had nothing to report on the surf front despite crowds of campers spending the long holiday weekend on the beach.

Again, an encouraging word from Montauk. Johnny Kronuck reported that Shagwong finally showed some life on Saturday night when casters enjoyed some good action with weakfish. An occasional big striper also butted in on the action. Mike Kossifos used 8 lb. test on a one hand stick to beach a 29 lb. striper along with a few weaks. Joe Antonelli walked the beach near the Inlet jetty with a one hand stick looking for nothing more than a snapper blue when a 21 lb. bass grabbed his small tin. Most of the weakfish action was on red-fins according to John. Nothing doing up front since last weekend. We learn that hard We learned that the hard way. On Thursday night, Mark Reuchelle and myself spent the night under the Light and on North Bar and didn't receive as much as a bump for our



Bud Breuer with his 61½ striper taken on a live eel from the beach near Shelter Island. The huge striper was weighed in at the Bay View Marine and Tackle in Sag Harbor.

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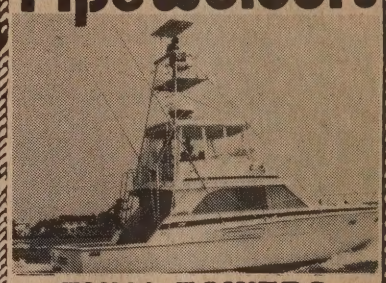

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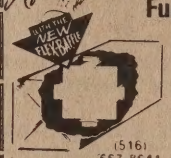

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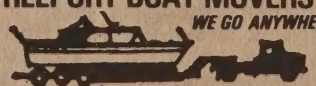

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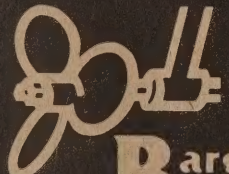

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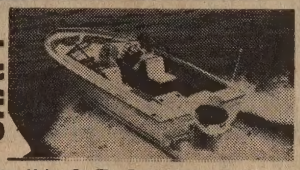

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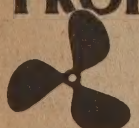

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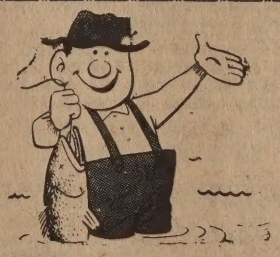

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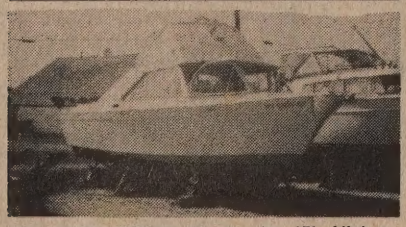

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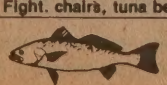

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efforts. Other casters suffered the same fate.

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Greg at **City Island Bait & Tackle** reported that casters continue to take good numbers of school bass from Turtle Cove, Eastchester Creek, and the Orchard Beach Lagoon. Fish are running from shorts up to 10 lbs. and are being taken on bunker chunks, worms, small Rebels and one ounce tins. Quite a few fish in the area according to Greg.

Further east at the **Glen Cove Sports Shop** John told me that the beaches from Matinnecock and Peacock Point have been providing some flurries of action with short bass and small weakfish on ¾ to 1 ounce tins. Some surprising action at the Prybil Beach Pier where casters have been taking both blues and weaks in the 2 to 4 lb. range on tin in the early morning hours.

In the Huntington area, George Valentine of **Four Winds Bait & Tackle** used "real slow" to describe the local surf. Ronnie Ferraro sang the same disheartening tune with the exception of mentioning an occasional bass at Caumsett.

Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** in Northport said that casters get in some good innings with small blues in the 1 to 2 lb. class on tins in the early morning and evening hours. At times a few small stripers, usually shorts are mixed with the choppers.

Tom, who is holding down the fort at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, told me that there have been a few blues and a couple of weaks along area beaches this past week. Both the weaks and blues run 2 to 5 lbs. and are being taken on Tri-Fin sandeel jigs, Tri-Fin spoon jigs and other small tins.

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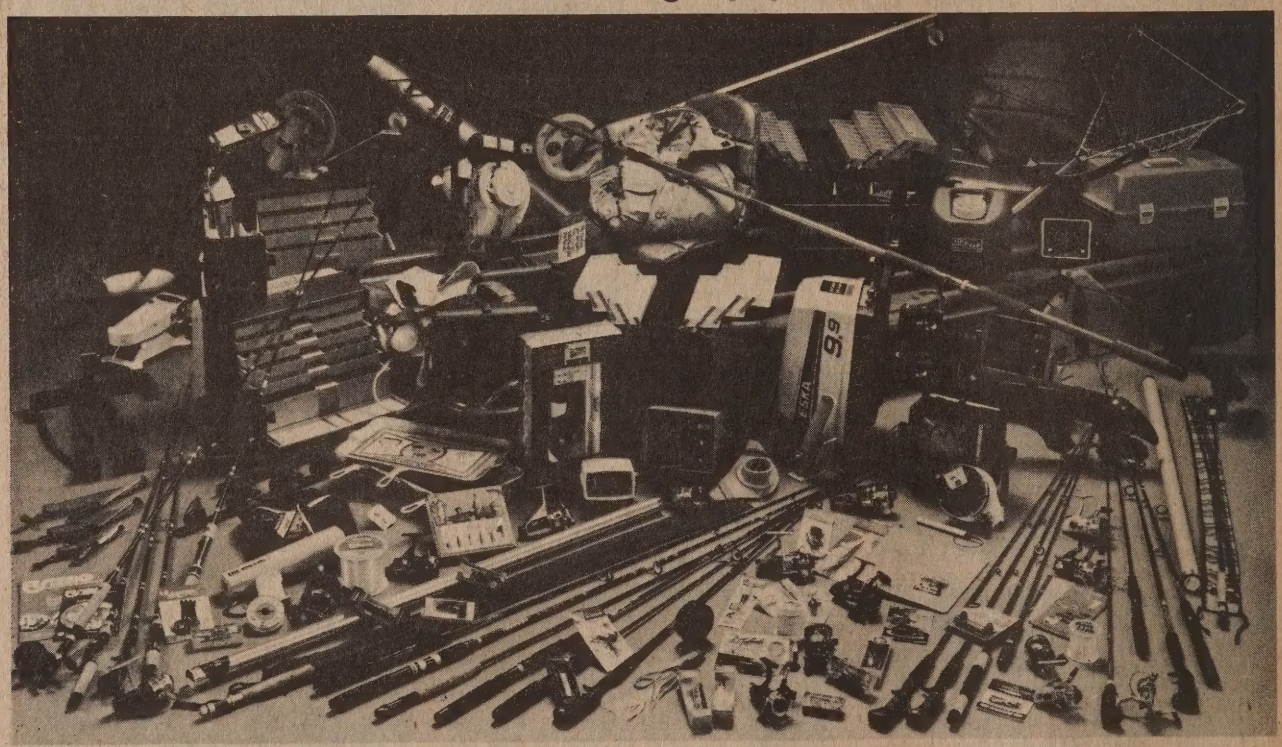

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MON.	10:10	10:15	11:00	11:15	10:55	11:05	11:45	11:55	1:35	2:10	1:05	1:35	9:55	10:15	7/14
TUE.	10:50	11:00	11:40	11:55	11:45	11:50	–	12:30	2:15	2:45	1:50	2:15	10:45	11:00	7/15
WED.	11:35	11:40	–	12:25	–	12:30	12:40	1:15	2:45	3:25	2:35	3:00	11:30	11:45	7/16
THUR.	–	12:20	12:40	1:15	12:35	1:15	1:25	2:05	3:20	3:50	3:15	3:45	–	12:15	7/17

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Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

7/11	5:33	8:37
7/12	5:34	8:37
7/13	5:35	8:36
7/14	5:36	8:35
7/15	5:37	8:34
7/16	5:38	8:34
7/17	5:39	8:33

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
7/12	7/20	7/27	7/5

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	3:25	10:05	3:55	10:30
Fri.	4:15	10:55	4:45	11:25
Sat.	5:05	11:45	5:40	—
Sun.	5:55	12:10	6:25	12:40
Mon.	6:50	1:05	7:15	1:35
Tues.	7:50	2:00	8:10	2:25
Wed.	8:40	2:50	9:00	3:15
Thurs.	9:30	3:40	10:00	4:00

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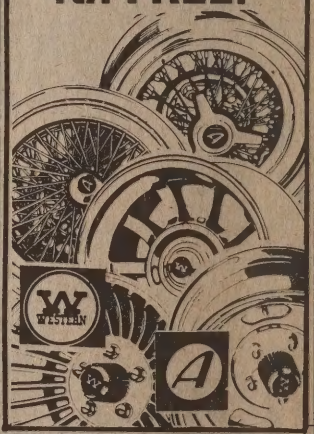

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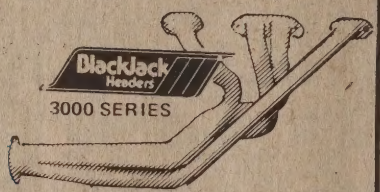

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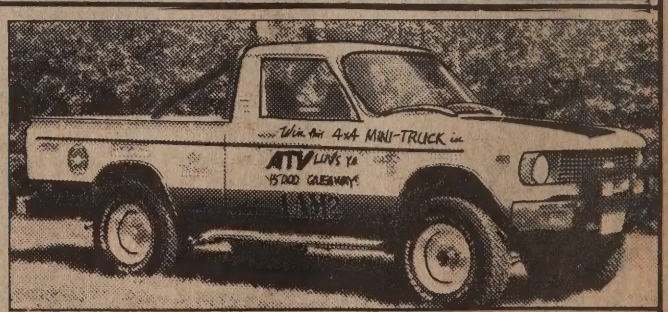

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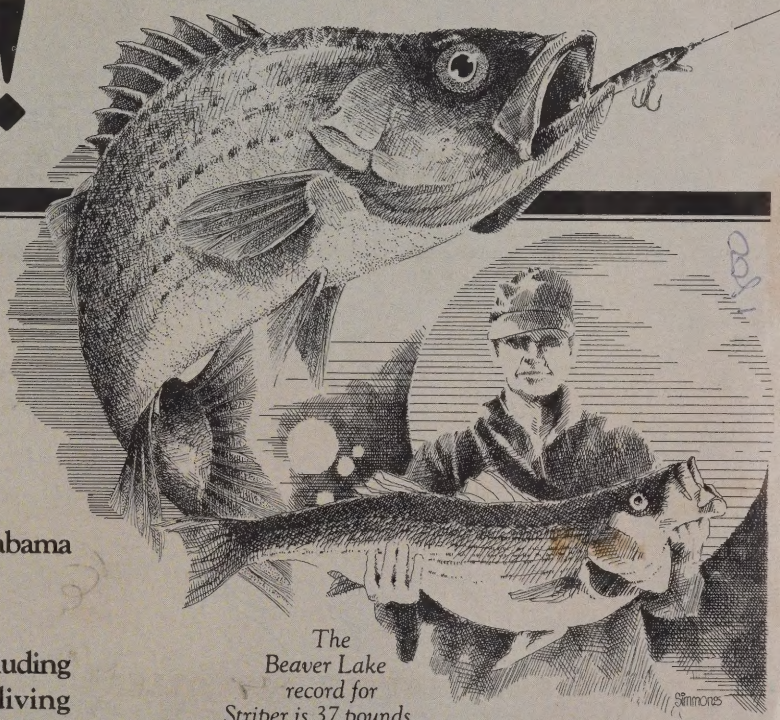

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